

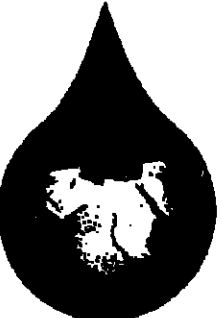
Multi-Purpose Electronic Scales

GAVER
P.O. BOX 408 SAFIY 13005 KUNYU
TEL: 244001, 240009, 243220
TELEX: 44930 GAVER PAZ 243220



ARAB TIMES

Commercial Directory
The Arabian Year Book 1987/88
9th Edition



Available in Bookshops

For more information
call 2418730/738

NO. 7476

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1989

RAJAB 1, 1409 AH

18 PAGES 150 FILLS

Commonwealth will welcome Pakistan's re-entry

LONDON, Feb 6, (Agencies): Sir Shridath Ramphal, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, said yesterday that Pakistan would be welcomed if it seeks readmission to the 48-member organisation of Britain and its former colonies.

In a global radio phone-in on the BBC programme World Service, he said he had "absolutely no objection" to Pakistan's return to the Commonwealth and he knew of no opposition from any other quarter.

Important

Pakistan withdrew from the Commonwealth in 1972, a month after Zulfikar Ali Bhutto became president and chief martial law administrator. Bhutto was reportedly angry at the quick recognition of Bangladesh, which broke away from Pakistan in 1971, by three important Commonwealth members, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Bhutto, who later became prime minister under a new constitution, was ousted by Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in a military coup in 1977 and later hanged.

Pakistan made known its interest in rejoining the Commonwealth before a meeting of the organisation in 1983. The issue, however, was not pursued since India did not express support for the move.

Although there are no Commonwealth regulations, Pakistan's re-entry would have to be backed by all members of the organisation.

Kuwait seeks to resolve border issue

Sheikh Saad in talks with Iraqi leaders on strengthening ties

BAGHDAD, Feb 6, (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, who arrived here today for a three-day visit, held official talks with Iraqi leaders on strengthening ties between the two countries.

Sheikh Saad had talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Izzat Ibrahim the vice-chairman of ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council.

Kuwaiti embassy officials in Baghdad said prior to the talks that Sheikh Saad will discuss Kuwaiti involvement in Iraq's post-war reconstruction following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Last week Sheikh Saad said that Kuwait was ready to help finance reconstruction of Iraq and Iran.

Agreement

The Kuwaiti officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said Sheikh Saad will discuss "means of enhancing co-operation in various fields and discuss recent developments in the Arab world."

An Arab diplomat said the talks will also seek to finalise a border demarcation agreement which would end a 28-year-old



HH the Crown Prince leaving for Baghdad.

dispute between the two countries.

Iraq claimed sovereignty over Kuwait, its southern neighbour, after Kuwait's independence from Britain in 1961. The Arab League sent troops to act as a buffer between the two countries.

Iraqi Vice-President Mohieddin Maarouf and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said last month that the border issue will be resolved soon.

A Western diplomat in Kuwait said Iraq was particularly concerned with sovereignty and navigation

rights in the Khor Abdullah, a narrow channel along Bubiyan island serving the emerging Iraqi ports of Umm Qasr and Zubair.

Iraq is spending a billion dollars to develop the two ports as an alternative to its main port of Basra, whose only outlet to the Gulf, the disputed Shatt Al Arab

on the Iranian border, is clogged with war debris.

Kuwait has announced plans to build a new city for 100,000 people on the Subiya peninsula, a stone's throw from Bubiyan, and to build a resort on the island.

Sheikh Saad was also expected to discuss the supply of Iraqi fresh water to Kuwait and of Kuwaiti electricity to Iraq, the diplomats said.

Kuwaiti officials expressed confidence that the visit will "constitute an actual contribution to the enhancement of the fraternal relations" between Iraq and Kuwait.

Officials also said Sheikh Saad will discuss ways of reviving deadlocked Gulf peace talks.

Concerned

Kuwait and other Gulf Arab countries have been concerned that the continued failure of the peace talks that began in August could lead to a resumption of the war.

The Iraqi media today praised Kuwait for its support for Baghdad during the war.

Sheikh Saad was greeted at Baghdad Airport by Ibrahim and senior government officials.

After the talks, Sheikh Saad will spend several days hunting in Iraq's western desert.

Soviets fail in last-ditch Afghan peace bid

RAWALPINDI, Feb 6, (Reuters): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto suggested today the Soviet effort to forge an Afghan peace that included the Kabul government was dead.

"How much more effort can they go on putting in," she said in an interview only hours after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze left Pakistan after apparently unsuccessful talks on the issue.

"With only nine days left (before the last Soviet troops leave Afghanistan) one cannot see how much more effort they can make," she said.

Benazir said it was up to a rebel mujahideen consultative council, or "shura", set for Feb 10 to form an interim government and allow reconstruction efforts to begin after a nine-year war in which over one million people may have died.

"We are anxious that a political settlement be reached through the consultative shura," she said.

Benazir said who was to attend the shura was for the mujahideen to decide. They have refused repeatedly to entertain the idea of PDPA participation.

Struggle

"It's their country. They have fought the war. They have given their lives in this struggle," she said.

Benazir suggested she did not take seriously statements by President Najibullah in Kabul that his government would win a war that continued after Feb 15, the deadline set in Geneva accords for the departure of the last Soviet soldier.

"They must be expected to make the statements they do," she said. "They are not exactly in a happy position."

Commenting on Shevardnadze's last-ditch efforts to prevent a bloody finale to the Afghanistan conflict a Western diplomat said: "It doesn't seem he got anywhere."

Shevardnadze's plans for a meeting with Afghan rebel leaders collapsed today. Rebel officials said the meeting fell through because Shevardnadze refused to announce Moscow would withdraw its support for the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

But Shevardnadze would not confirm he had sought such a meeting, saying he would not have refused one, but none had been requested and, anyway, he did not have the time.

Shevardnadze told a news conference in Islamabad before his departure he had failed to secure Pakistan's pledge to halt arms supplies to the rebels once the withdrawal was completed.

Shevardnadze was passionate in his support for a negotiated settlement between the mujahideen and the Kabul government but made it equally clear Moscow would support its ally after the withdrawal.

Shevardnadze gave no hint of what Moscow would do if the war went on after the Soviet withdrawal but ruled out a return of troops.

"We are not thinking about any re-entry of Soviet troops. That's not what we want at all," he said.

Deal

The mujahideen rebels have shown no interest in a peace deal, believing they will capture Kabul and other cities quickly once the last Soviet soldier has gone home.

The Soviet news agency Tass said in Moscow more than 30,000 troops had left Afghanistan in the last stage of the withdrawal.

A vast column of soldiers crossed the border into the Soviet town of Termez today and in the west two more convoys were heading towards the Soviet town of Kushka.

The rebels have been holding their fire as columns of Soviet troops leave the country, but the Kremlin is losing men in avalanches and rebel attacks on other targets, including a fuel pipeline, the Communist Party daily Pravda said.

Guarding

Pravda said the last Soviet soldier had left Kabul yesterday. But Soviet soldiers were guarding the city's airport today and sources said there was still a battalion of them — about 500 — in town.

Soviet sources in Kabul confirmed a battalion stationed at the airport would stay on until the end of an airlift involving huge Ilyushin-76 transports, which fly in supplies of food and fuel and take out personnel and equipment.

Soviet envoy to Kabul Yuri Vorontsov left Tehran today after talks with Afghan rebel leaders and said he hoped that "all political forces" will take part in a coalition government after Soviet forces withdraw, Iran's official newsagency reported.

Future of Palestinians to be discussed

Bush to meet Mideast leaders

WASHINGTON, Feb 6, (Agencies): President George Bush will meet in Tokyo later this month with King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and then at the White House in the spring with them and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, according to State Department officials.

The Tokyo talks will be held when Bush and the two Arab leaders attend the funeral of Emperor Hirohito of Japan. Details of the separate visits to Washington by Hussein, Mubarak and Shamir will be worked out over the next few

weeks, US officials speaking on condition of anonymity said yesterday.

The main topics are the future of the restive Palestinians in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza, and the role the United States will try to play in settling the 40-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

Hirohito's funeral, which will draw scores of world leaders to Tokyo, is accelerating Bush's introduction to murky Middle East diplomacy. US policy is now under review by the new

(Continued on Page 2)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Arab Times will tomorrow, publish in full the new labour regulations for the private sector.

INSIDE

International	2,3
Kuwait-Gulf	4
Events	5
Editorials	6
Features	7,8,13
Business	9,12
Stocks	10,11
Classifieds	14
Urdu	15,16
Sports	17,18

آج کے اردو صفحات میں

- مسئلہ افغانستان پر پاک
- سوویت مذاکرات نامکمل ہو گئے
- قیام امن کی سویت
- کوشش ختم ہو چکی ہیں، بے نظیر
- تیس ہزار سوویت فوجی وطن
- واپس چلے گئے
- اعلیٰ حضرت شیخ سعد عراق
- پہنچ گئے
- ماسکو اور جڑیل میں ضمنی
- انتخابات مارچ میں ہو گئے
- نئی لیڈر نے پاکستان کو
- آئندہ وکٹوں سے ہرا دیا

WEATHER

FAIR weather with light variable to north-westerly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 1.00 pm
Low water: 7.00 am, 7.00 pm
Sunrise: 6.34 am
Sunset: 5.30 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 17°C 63°F
Ahmad: 16°C 61°F
Fahaka: 15°C 59°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 17°C 63°F
Ahmad: 16°C 61°F
Fahaka: 15°C 59°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 57 per cent
Ahmad: 40 per cent
Fahaka: 44 per cent

Gulf peace talks to resume soon

NICOSIA, Feb 6, (Reuters): Iran, repeating a demand for Iraq to withdraw from its territory, said today face-to-face peace talks with its Gulf war foe would resume soon.

"Direct dialogue for the full implementation of the Resolution (598) will begin soon, but it will lead nowhere if Iraq is stubborn and doesn't withdraw," Tehran Radio quoted Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as telling a Tehran news conference.

The radio report did not say if Velayati gave a date or venue for the talks.

Velayati is due to fly to New York to meet UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and attend a Security Council session extending the mandate of the UN ceasefire monitoring force.

The ceasefire took effect last August, but peace talks which began five days later quickly stalled and there have been no meetings for three months.

Velayati told Tehran Radio: "Everyone knows that after accepting the resolution, Iran

withdrew from 1,000 sq km (400 sq miles) of Iraqi land. Yet 2,000 sq km (800 sq miles) of Iranian territory is still under Iraqi occupation."

He said Iraqi forces had advanced in some areas despite the presence of UN peacekeepers in outright violation of the ceasefire.

The report did not indicate when the advances were made. Iran last month put the area of its border regions in Iraqi hands at 1,000 sq km.

Violations

Perez de Cuellar said in a report to the Security Council on Friday that UN peacekeepers had received 1,960 complaints of truce violations in the first five months of the ceasefire.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who left for New York today, told Perez de Cuellar in a letter last week that Baghdad was ready to resume the talks.

Aziz told INA on Jan 28 that "Iran's refusal to agree to the dredging of the disputed Shatt Al Arab border waterway was "clear-cut evidence of its ill-intentions."

No Palestinian state ever, swears Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 6, (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir swore yesterday there would never be a Palestinian state in the land of Israel and that his government would not be influenced by outside pressure.

In an impassioned speech to members of his rightist Likud Party, Shamir pounded the lectern and shouted:

"We are here in the land of Israel to build a free Jewish nation... there will not be a foreign state here, there will not be a Palestinian state, never. Israel belongs to the nation of Israel."

The biblically-defined land of Israel includes the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

"No power in the world can tell us what to do, to force us to

act differently, to pressure us. The Israeli government of today will not bear of, will not consider, will not answer to any pressure."

It was not immediately clear whether Shamir's remarks represented a rethink over a peace plan he outlined last week.

He said troops would be pulled out of parts of the occupied territories during a period of Palestinian self-rule and did not rule out handing back land during future negotiations on the eventual status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In Tunis, the Arab League committee charged with organising support for the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip met today to seek ways of maintaining international interest in the plight of the Palestinians, League officials said.

Hawke arrives in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb 6, (UPI): Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke arrived today for a four-day visit that will include high-level talks expected to focus on Afghanistan and bilateral trade. Hawke was received at the air-

port by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

He later attended a dinner hosted by Benazir. He is scheduled to hold the first of a series of formal talks with his 35-year-old Pakistani counterpart tomorrow.



Dumas (left) was received by Sheikh Sabah yesterday.

Dumas expresses support for Arab League team

France to join efforts to end Lebanese crisis

By Jadranka Porter

FRANCE yesterday pledged to join forces with an Arab League team headed by Kuwait in an effort to help end the Lebanese crisis.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas told reporters upon arrival in Kuwait yesterday that he had full confidence in Kuwait's diplomatic ability to conduct the difficult negotiations.

"We are pleased with the choice the Arab League has made. The choice of Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad as head of the committee is an additional guarantee for the success of the team's efforts," said Dumas.

France will combine efforts with the Arab League team to help find a solution to problems besetting Lebanon, he added.

Sheikh Sabah heads a commit-

tee of six Arab foreign ministers given the task of reconciling factions in Lebanon. The committee held its first meeting in Tunis on Jan 30. Paris last week sent an envoy to Lebanon to discuss with different factions ways of pushing the Tunis dialogue forward.

Dumas was in Kuwait on a three-hour stop-over on his way from Tehran to Paris. He was to hold talks with Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad centring on the Lebanese crisis.

He said he expected Sheikh Sabah to brief him on the latest developments in efforts to solve the Lebanese crisis and to "broach the issue of the Mirage fighter plane sale to Kuwait."

Strengthen

Kuwait is seeking to further strengthen its Air Force and may buy fighter planes in addition to 40 F18s which are part of \$1.9 billion arms deal concluded with the United States last year. France, with its Mirage 2000 fighter jets, is understood to be a

strong contender.

Dumas described his visit to Tehran as useful. France is in the process of reviewing its relations with Iraq and Iran following the ceasefire last August, he said. The objective of his visit to Iran was to hear the Iranian point of view, he added.

Agreement

Asked whether France reached an agreement with Tehran on the issue of \$1 billion loan made to France in 1975 by the Shah, Dumas said the two sides had mapped out of procedure for further negotiations.

"This is a technical detail. We have examined the documents and devised a framework for further negotiations. It will take time to get to the bottom of this issue," said Dumas.

The French government repaid \$630 million of the loan in 1986 while it was negotiating the release of the last three French hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian groups.

Iran tests home-made hovercraft

NICOSIA, Feb 6, (Reuters): an Iranian-made hovercraft which can carry 12 people at a maximum speed of 60 km/h (37 mph) has been successfully tested in a southern Iranian lake, Tehran radio said today.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the hovercraft was wholly designed and built by the Revolutionary Guards' naval

industries at a cost of 15 million rials (\$200,000).

The craft, named Yunes, was 8.4 metres (28 feet) long and 4.4 metres (14 feet) wide and weighed three tonnes, the radio said.

The Iranian Navy is equipped with six hovercraft bought from Britain in the 1970s.

Reconciliation

FEZ, Morocco, Feb 6, (Reuters): Former foe President Chadli Benjedid and Morocco's King Hassan embraced each other today when the Algerian leader began his first official visit to the North African kingdom.

The king greeted Chadli warmly at Fez airport after he flew in to set the seal on reconciliation between the neighbouring states.

AT
MOUSTACHE
a special offer

end of winter & beginning of summer

MOUSTACHE for a distinguished elegance all the time
Sahiyah Branch — Sahiyah Commercial Complex
(Meridien Hotel) Tel: 2428878
Sahiyah Branch — Salem Al Mubarak St
Al Salem Building Sahiyah Tel: 5732833
Fond Al Salem Branch — Burj Al Basmal Building Tel: 2433239

Solidarity leader opens talks with rulers

Walesa calls for dismantling communist power monopoly

WARSAW, Feb 6, (Reuters): Poland's communist rulers began talks with Solidarity on the country's future today and Lech Walesa told them Poles wanted bold decisions that would dismantle the communist power monopoly.

Addressing the opening session of the long-awaited talks in a glittering Warsaw palace, Walesa said Poland faced catastrophe unless they found ways to lift it out of stagnation and hopelessness.

"Poland needs brave decisions and wise, energetic action," the Solidarity leader said.

"We need a reconstruction that will make this one-party state into a state that belongs to the nation and society."

"We have to start with the reinstatement of trade union pluralism, the reinstatement of Solidarity."

Hundreds of people waiting outside in freezing rain mobbed Walesa as he arrived at the elegant 18th century palace in central Warsaw.

Signed
Solidarity advisers had to link arms in a tight phalanx to push their leader through the crush as people flashed V-for-victory signs and shouted "Solidarity, Solidarity," and "Lech, we trust you."

Inside, Walesa and his 25-man team shook hands with General Czeslaw Kiszczak, the chief communist negotiator who as interior minister signed orders for their internment under martial law in December, 1981.

The talks, expected to last six weeks, were the first formal meeting between the government and Solidarity since the communist tried to crush the independent trade union under martial law.

They were called by the government to seek the support of the Solidarity-led opposition in tackling a mounting economic crisis and implementing economic and political reforms.

"Our meeting is a very special moment on which a lot depends," Walesa said. "We are starting under the spotlights but outside the windows there is sorrow and fear of poverty."

Participants at the talks observed a minute's silence in memory of two pro-Solidarity priests, Stefan Niedziak and Stanislaw Suchowolec, whose deaths in unusual circumstances last month aroused nationwide concern.

Change
Walesa told the meeting that nothing could change in the Polish economy or society without changes in the structure of the communist state.

"There is only one direction. It must go towards a democratic system, towards the rule of law, the sovereignty of the nation and the freedom of its citizens," he said.

"Even if we cannot get all this, we have to start somewhere."

Walesa said the country was in ruins because of the system of exercising power "which robs citizens of their rights and wastes the fruit of their work."

Iran, France struck a deal on gunman

MANAMA, Feb 6, (UPI): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati admitted today that France made a deal with Iran to pardon a Lebanese gunman held in a French jail in return for Iranian help in securing the release of French hostages in Lebanon.

Velayati made the admission while speaking to reporters in Tehran after French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas concluded a two-day visit to the Iranian capital.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Velayati as saying, "during the previous talks between Tehran and Paris, Iran had promised to try and secure the release of French hostages in Lebanon and in return France had made some promises for pardoning him."

Iranian ties with France, the largest Western supplier of weapons to Iran's enemy Iraq during the eight-year Gulf war, became particularly strained two

Egypt and Israel debate value of Taba buildings

CAIRO, Feb 6, (Reuters): Egypt and Israel today debated the value of Israeli-built facilities on the Red Sea beach of Taba, held by the Jewish state but awarded to Egypt by international arbitrators.

Disputes over compensation for a hotel and tourist village and over Israeli access have delayed Israel's pullout from the area which it held onto after withdrawing from the rest of Sinai in 1982.

Egypt's chief negotiator, Tourism Minister Fouad Sultan, said after today's negotiating session in Cairo that he objected to parts of an Israeli report on the value of the Taba buildings.

Modifications
"We have made some modifications in the report and have made an offer which reflects our point of view," he told Reuters, refusing to disclose the amount.

The two sides had agreed in principle that the hotel would be managed by an international corporation, Sultan said, adding that the talks would resume on Wednesday.

Egyptian and Israeli delegations are holding separate talks in Taba on Israeli access to the beach.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday he expected access and compensation issues to be settled in three weeks, but Sultan said it could be sooner if goodwill existed.

The withdrawal from Sinai, which Israel captured from Egypt in the 1967 war, was set under the terms of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

years ago when Iran refused to allow French police to question an Iranian embassy interpreter.

Release
Anis Naccache, who was jailed in France nine years ago after the attempted assassination in Paris of former Iranian Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar, recently claimed France had promised to release him in exchange for Iranian help in securing the release of French hostages.

Frigid air cloaks the US

40 killed in freezing weather

NEW YORK, Feb 6, (AP): Frigid air cloaked the United States today, turning highways into icy demolition derby courses, leaving snow in unlikely places and forcing a camp of nudists in Texas to decide they couldn't bare it.

The Arctic front that spilled out of Alaska last week remained stalled over virtually the entire nation, forcing temperatures below normal just about everywhere but Florida. Forecasters said relief is at least several days away.

In Arkansas, churches cancelled yesterday services to spare worshippers the danger of travelling on icy roads.

The weather has contributed to at least 40 deaths in the lower 48 states since the air spread from Alaska on Tuesday.

Poisoning
The deaths included four teenagers who were competing in a Wisconsin ice-fishing derby who were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning yesterday after they left propane heaters running overnight in a wooden shanty.

The overnight temperature near frozen Harp Lake was about 16 (26.6 Celsius) below zero.

At 0700 GMT today, the nation's low was minus 44 degrees (minus 42 Celsius) at Craig, Colorado. In California, Sacramento's 29 degrees (minus

1.6 Celsius) early today broke a 90-year-old record for the date and San Francisco's 35 degrees (1.6 Celsius) shattered a 100-year-old record. Elsewhere, it was 1 degree (minus 17 Celsius) in Chicago, Illinois, Denver, Colorado, and Minneapolis-St Paul, Minnesota, five (minus 15) in St Louis, Missouri, six (minus 14 Celsius) in Albuquerque, New Mexico and eight (minus 13 Celsius) in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On Sunday, low temperature records were reached in at least 26 cities, from the Pacific to the plains.

In Denver, it was 24 below zero (minus 31 Celsius), the city's coldest temperature in 26 years. The nation's low yesterday was 46 below zero (minus 43 Celsius) at Wisdom, Montana.

It was minus 21 (minus 29 Celsius) at South Lake Tahoe, California, and parts of the San Francisco Bay area remained coated in snow, astonishing longtime residents.

Seashore
"You could only find a scene like this on a postcard," said Timothy Waters, a 77-year-old ranch resident at the Point Reyes national seashore just north of the Golden Gate. "It's just extraordinarily beautiful. Our family can't remember snow like this in 40 years."

Persistent snow in Chicago forced the temperature closure of Midway airport and the closure of two runways at O'Hare international airport, causing 40 flight cancellations and numerous delays.

Cool, drizzly weather in New Orleans didn't stop 11 scheduled Mardi Gras parades, but it did contribute to sales of hot drinks in Bourbon street bars.

"Thank God it did get a little bit colder," said Toni Reyes, manager of the seaport bar. "As soon as it rained, it pushed everyone inside."

Nudist
Freezing rain was reported early today across the eastern seaboard from Delaware to Virginia, and south and west across Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, northern Mississippi and into the Texas Gulf coast and central Texas.

In Decatur, Texas, 60 miles (96 kilometres) northwest of Dallas, Texas, members of the Bluebonnet nudist park couldn't keep their clothes off yesterday as temperatures were in the teens and low 20s (about minus 6.6 Celsius).

"Unfortunately, we nudists have to put it on hold for a few days," said manager Arthur Moss. "As nudists, we're generally a sensible lot."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Festival cancelled

BEIJING, Tibet's great prayer festival, the scene last March of anti-Chinese violence, has been cancelled this year, the official Xinhua news agency said today.

The Tibet branch of the Buddhist Association of China and other Buddhist organisations have decided that the annual Moinlam Genmo festival, one of Tibet's holiest events, will not be held in the capital of Lhasa this year, the report said.

The festival, which begins on the eighth day of the first month of the Tibetan calendar, usually is held in February and March.

Sailors

NEW DELHI, Feb 6, (KUNA): India has banned foreign shipping companies from recruiting Indian seamen. The ban is aimed at restricting the exodus of trained Indian merchant navy personnel.

The director-general of shipping has also prohibited owner, master or agents of any ship other than Indian ship engaging in India, navigating officer and radio officers to serve as seamen on such vessels except with prior permission.

Forrest dies
SANTA MONICA, California, Feb 6, (AP): William Forrest, a former star athlete who appeared in nearly 200 films and on television's "The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin," has died at age 86.

Forrest, who died Jan 29, often played the pliant but stern military officer in World War II films.

Death toll rises
MANILA, Feb 6, (Reuters): Rescuers recovered 22 bodies, mostly of children, from a swollen river in the central Philippines today and officials stepped up relief operations in provinces hit by heavy rains and floods.

The deaths brought to 77 the number of people killed in floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains over the past week.

Bush to meet Mideast leaders

(Continued from Page 1)

administration, but Secretary of State James Baker said at his confirmation hearing last month that he is opposed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Hussein, Mubarak and Shamir all notified the new administration separately that they would like to visit Washington in the spring, which could drive Bush to an early decision on how to approach the Palestinian problem and Israel's troubles with its Arab neighbours.

After a slow start, President Reagan's administration tried to steer Israel and Lebanon toward a peace settlement, but that was undercut by Syria. The administration then tried to set up Arab-Israeli negotiations, but despite four trips to the region by former Secretary of State George Shultz, the effort failed. Shamir and Hussein both rejected US proposals for peace talks while Yasser Arafat, head of the PLO kept Palestinians from meeting with Shultz.

In one of its final acts, the Reagan administration broke a 13-year freeze and opened talks with the PLO, but there are no indications this has improved prospects for a settlement or an easing of violence in the Israeli-held territories.

Baker said he does not oppose Soviet participation in an international Middle East peace conference, but that the Soviets should show they are committed to a constructive role.

Baker told the Time magazine he saw no reason the Bush administration could depart from the Reagan administration's policy towards a peace conference, which included what he described as two important provisos — to lead towards direct negotiations between the parties and it be properly structured.

Sakharov to meet Pope

ROME, Feb 6, (Reuters): Pope John Paul has scheduled a private audience later today with Soviet human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, on his second trip abroad since a foreign travel ban was lifted last October, the Vatican said.

A Vatican spokesman said the Pope would meet Sakharov at 6:30 pm (1730 GMT). Church sources said a meeting was also planned with Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, who lives in exile in Rome.

The sources said Sakharov would discuss recent improvements in conditions for Soviet Catholics during his meeting with the Pope.

The Pontiff, who speaks Russian, has expressed a willingness to meet Mikhail Gorbachev

when the Soviet leader visits Italy this year.

Sakharov, accompanied by his wife Yelena Bonner, arrived in Italy last night for a six-day visit. He is to receive an honorary doctorate in physics from Bologna University on Wednesday. His wife has scheduled some medical tests.

At a news conference last year in Moscow, Sakharov urged Soviet leaders to recognise the Ukrainian Catholic church and end discrimination against its members.

The Ukrainian church was forcibly merged in 1946 into the Russian Orthodox church. The Pope has made several appeals to Moscow to recognise the Ukrainian church and allow it full freedom of worship.

Pakistan manufacturing own tank

ISLAMABAD, Feb 6, (AP): Pakistan is developing a locally built tank, a government-controlled newspaper reported.

Pakistan's Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Mirza Aslam Baig told the National Defence College that Pakistan should roll its first locally manufactured tank off the assembly line within two years, the Pakistan Times said.

"Every country wants to produce its own weapons and tanks," Baig said.

Baig told the Defence College students that Pakistan is moving ahead in its effort to become self-sufficient in the production of weapons and ammunition, the Pakistan Times said.

Bingo Day 9

78 57 83 56

NEW GUARANA AMAZONAS



for Stamina and Strength

From deep in the Amazon jungle, KDD brings you the delicious Guarana Amazonas drink. Made from the Guarana fruit, known for its stimulating, revitalizing properties, Guarana Amazonas is the ideal drink for those who need strength, stamina and endurance. Guarana Amazonas is fast becoming the favourite drink of athletes everywhere. Even the great Pele swore by it for his consistent successful performance in one of the world's toughest sports.

Try KDD Guarana and feel the power.

THE KUWAITI DANISH DAIRY COMPANY WLL

4 reasons that make SAAB superior to others

1. The only car in the world where aeronautical engineers and experts take part in its manufacturing.
2. Manufactured cleverly by using modern technology adopted in the manufacturing of our planes, down to the minutest details.
3. Manufactured in accordance with international safety measures, well-studied scientific methods and after comprehensive traffic research.
4. The most fuel-efficient car according to international statistics.

Trade-in facilities available

Warranty for two years or 60,000 kilometres.

SAAB 9000 turbo 16
SAAB 9000 16
SAAB 9000 CD



Our prices begin from KD5,950



SAAB Kuwait Swedish Automobile Trading Company
Al Rai - 4th Ring Road, beside Ghazali St. Tel. 4714745, 4714606, Garage - Tel. 4814993



Rodriguez is embraced by Asuncion's Archbishop Imael Rolon at the start of a mass for the people who died during the military coup. (Reuter wirephoto)

Paraguay's deposed dictator in exile

ASUNCION, Feb. 6 (UPI): Deposed dictator Alfredo Stroessner spent his first full day in exile today, while the general who ousted him in a bloody coup said presidential elections would be held within three months.

Stroessner, 76, was taken yesterday evening to the Asuncion airport that bears his name and put aboard a jetliner that took him to Brazil, where he was granted provisional asylum.

Hecklers shouted "assassin, assassin," and "the dictatorship is over," as the somber Stroessner boarded the plane and left the nation he ruled with an iron fist for more than 34 years.

Among those at the airport was new President Andres Rodriguez, who led the coup. Stroessner resigned Friday after his guards were defeated in the two-day military uprising that left between 200 and 300 people dead.

The constitution says elections must be held within 90 days after a president resigns, and Rodriguez said polls would be held during that period.

Foreign Relations Minister Luis Argana said the government would dissolve Congress and set a date for elections for both Congress and president.

"The limit is three months, it could be a little less, but we have much to change to ensure full freedom of expression and participation of political parties," Argana said.

At the President Stroessner International Airport, marks showed on walls where dozens of Stroessner portraits had been ripped down.

Rejoicing
Hundreds of Paraguayans hugged each other when the jet took off and motorists in Asuncion honked their horns in celebration.

Others were cautious. "A coup d'etat by itself won't change anything," said Juan Elzeze, a lawyer in the crowd. "No, the people must fight to make sure Rodriguez makes good his pledge. The free world must also pressure Rodriguez."

Enrique Planos, 41, a ceramic trader, said "until 1970 Stroessner was brilliant. He worked hard and did good works. But then he changed, and now Rodriguez must call elections for the country to be a democracy."

Brazilian Ambassador Orlando Soares Carbonar said Brazil granted asylum in response to a request from Paraguay.

Brazil bares all during Rio carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 6 (Reuter): Rio's carnival exploded in colour and sound last night as the top samba schools took their glittering floats and flamboyant costumes onto the city's parade ground in the battle for a golden trophy.

The first school's parade was marred when a woman guest of honour fell several metres to the ground from one of the giant floats as it was pushed along the Sambodromo Avenue.

But what many call the greatest show on earth went on in a sparkling show, with thousands of hip-snapping dancers mainly in Brazil's national colours of green, blue, gold and white.

Bare-breasted women and scantily-clad men on floats such as a giant sailing ship vied for attention on television cameras and the 90,000 or so spectators in the Sambodromo. Rio's parade grounds, dancing and swaying to the deafening samba drums.

Meeting to normalise relations

Sino-Soviet summit May 15-18

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 6 (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said today the first Sino-Soviet summit meeting for 30 years would bring complete normality to relations between the two communist giants.

The summit between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping will be held in Beijing from May 15 to 18, Shevardnadze confirmed.

"Now that the Sino-Soviet summit has been clearly marked on the political calendar this year, we can rightfully say it will mean a complete normalisation of relations between the Soviet Union and China," he told a news conference in Islamabad.

Document
"The summit will close the chapter on the past and chart a new course into the future," he said shortly before heading home from talks in Beijing, long estranged from its communist neighbour, and Pakistan.

Shevardnadze said officials of the two countries were preparing a joint document "on the basis of

the clearly defined principles of the new Sino-Soviet relations" to be signed in Beijing by the two leaders. He gave no other details.

Shevardnadze also said the two sides had agreed during his talks in Beijing last week on a document on Kampuchea he said would show "the areas of agreement about how to tackle the crisis in the region."

He gave no details, but the official New China News Agency today said the two sides agreed on the need for "an effective control mechanism" to supervise the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops, which invaded the country in December, 1978.

The continued presence of Vietnamese troops in the country has been a major stumbling block to improved Sino-Soviet relations.

Vietnam has promised to withdraw its troops from Kampuchea by September, 1989.

Shevardnadze said the joint document emphasised Moscow's desire to settle regional conflicts, like Afghanistan, on which he held talks in Pakistan.

"It recognises the futility of military means and the indispensability of political means to settle conflicts," he said.

Differences
Detailing their main point of disagreement, a joint statement said China stood for the formation of a "provisional coalition government" headed by resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and to include representatives of the three guerrilla resistance factions and the Hanoi-backed government in Phnom Penh.

Moscow, however, proposed a "provisional organ under the charge of Sihanouk and with quadripartite representation."

The body would not be subordinate to any party in Kampuchea. The crucial difference seemed to be that the present government of Premier Hun Sen in Phnom Penh would dissolve itself under China's proposal but remain in power according to Moscow's plan.

China and the Soviet Union agreed that there should be no foreign troops or military bases

in Kampuchea after a Vietnamese withdrawal.

Vietnam says it has around 50,000 troops in Kampuchea but this figure is disputed by China which alleges that many are disguised in Kampuchean uniforms.

The joint statement said the United Nations could play "its appropriate role in the process of a political settlement of the Kampuchean question as conditions gradually present themselves."

Beijing and Moscow were both in favour of convening an international conference on Kampuchea "when conditions are ripe."

Xinhua did not say why the Foreign Ministry waited more than 24 hours after Shevardnadze ended his visit to issue the joint statement and announce the summit date.

But in a blunt contradiction minutes after Shevardnadze's plane took off Saturday, Chinese Foreign Minister Tian Zengpei insisted no date was fixed and his government was still considering the matter.

Israel accuses PLO of breaking terrorism pledge

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 6 (Reuter): An Israeli Minister said today that Palestinian guerrillas who tried to infiltrate into Israel from Lebanon had broken a PLO pledge renouncing terrorism.

The five guerrillas were killed by Israeli soldiers in a clash yesterday in the Jewish state's self-declared security zone in south Lebanon.

"What we see here, of course, is the gap between PLO declarations and deeds," Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told reporters. "It continues to dispatch terrorist bands of various PLO factions and hopes the world will hear the words and not look at the deeds."

The infiltration attempt was claimed by the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales-

tine (PFLP), which has criticised statements by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Attack
The DFLP has said that Arafat's remarks to the UN General Assembly in Geneva in December, in which he renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist, "do not commit the PLO to anything and they do not represent official policy."

One Army officer told the Jerusalem Post: He (Arafat) is totally disconnected and out of touch with what is going on in Lebanon."

Israeli security sources said the guerrillas were attempting the first attack across Israel's northern border by a major PLO faction since Arafat's UN address.

Netanyahu said their aborted raid was sufficient reason for the United States to sever the contacts which it initiated with the PLO after Arafat's December statement.

In Beirut, a PFLP spokesman identified the guerrillas as four of its members and one member of the Syrian-based Palestine Liberation Front.

Israeli security sources said documents and items found on the bodies of the gunmen confirmed that they came from the two groups.

The guerrillas were armed with Kalashnikov rifles, missiles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, about 15 grenades, knives and wire cutters, the security sources said.

Israel said none of its soldiers was injured. The PFLP said there were several Israeli casualties.

Somalia frees more prisoners

MOGADISHU, Feb. 6 (Reuter): Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre freed 18 political prisoners today, the second group to be pardoned in less than 24 hours, state-run Radio Mogadishu said.

Siad Barre released 86 prisoners yesterday as part of an amnesty announced last month by Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Samatar.

The government has been accused by Western civil rights groups of human rights abuses during an offensive last year against the rebel Somali National Movement in the north.

Samatar said on Friday in Washington that 200 political prisoners were expected to be released within a few weeks as part of his government's economic and political reforms.

Radio Mogadishu said the 18 were freed from prisons in the capital Mogadishu and the northern town of Boreame. They included politician Yusuf Osman Samatar, who had been adopted as a prisoner of conscience by the human rights watchdog Amnesty International.

US and Greece resume bases negotiations

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (AP): Greek and American officials today started another round of talks on the future of four US military bases here.

The officials declined to comment on the start of the four-day talks, the 14th since negotiations got under way in late 1987.

Little progress has been made in the ongoing negotiations and officials were not expected to make much headway in his week's discussions.

It was the second meeting between the negotiators since a five-year operating agreement for the installations expired on Dec. 20. Under the terms of the old accord, the United States has 17 months to reach a new agreement or dismantle the bases.

Government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said at the end of last month's talks that negotiators had gotten no further than the "preliminary" stage of a new accord and that a "disagreement of views continues to be observable."

The resignation last week of Rear Admiral Christos Limberis

from the Greek negotiating team was also expected to create further delay until his replacement is found. Limberis, chief of naval operations, is being groomed to take over as naval chief of staff, military sources said.

Assurances
The bases talks have been progressing at a snail's pace because of the Socialist government's insistence that a new agreement provide assurances that the United States help solve the country's longstanding disputes with Turkey.

The two neighbouring Western alliance members have been at odds over military control of the Aegean Sea, its seabed mineral rights and the Cyprus problem.

American officials have said they don't want to involve regional politics in the bilateral talks.

Premier Andreas Papandreu, beset by a series of embarrassing financial scandals, is also expected to use the bases issue to attract leftist votes in the June elections.

Holy bath

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (Reuter): Ten million Hindu pilgrims took holy baths at the confluence of rivers in north India today during a festival held every 12 years.

Before first light, braving a morning chill, the first of the pilgrims streamed to spots near the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers to take their baths.

They made way at dawn, witnesses said, for colourfully decorated carts drawn by devotees and carrying naked holy men.

Sri Lanka assures protection during polls

COLOMBO, Feb. 6 (Reuter): Sri Lankan authorities said today extra security would be given to election candidates on request following an assassination attempt on opposition leader and former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

The leader of the Freedom Party escaped with a bruised leg when a smoke bomb and two grenades were hurled and shots fired at a rally yesterday for general elections scheduled for Feb. 15.

More than 30 people were wounded in the attack at Hingurakgoda in north-central province, which police blamed on the left-wing guerrilla group the People's Liberation Front.

"It was an attempt to assassinate me," said Bandaranaike who escaped a similar attack during the presidential election campaign last December.

Police said 11 youths have been taken into custody for questioning, but declined to give details.

Two men preparing a stage for an election meeting of ruling United National Party were shot dead today, police said.

Each candidate had been given three guns — a revolver, a shotgun and a repeater shotgun — on request to protect themselves.

"The Defence Ministry is ready to give additional assistance to protect candidates if any such requests are made in spite of the fact that the security forces are already committed to maintaining law and order in all parts of the country," a ministry statement said.

Available for rent villas at Finatees - Fahaheel (main road) with the following options:

- 2 swimming pools
- Personal Sauna
- 2 children's swimming pools
- On-the-spot maintenance
- Central A/C and heating
- Covered car park
- 2 children's playgrounds
- 2 tennis courts
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- 24-hours security
- Central water filtration

MARAFIE RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND
Easy Living

Call Wara Real Estate Co. KSC
Tel: 2449925, 2448486

LIFT SERUM:
YOUR PERSONAL FACIAL ARCHITECT!

Your features are beginning to lose their shape. The contours of your face aren't as pure as they once were. And wrinkles are starting to show out. Your skin is suffering from the first signs of aging.

But you've decided to fight back. And to help you win the battle against time, CHANEL has developed a truly effective response to the problem of aging. LIFT SERUM anti-wrinkle complex.

Like an architect, LIFT SERUM mentally rebuilds your face, drawing out the micro-drops of collagen in your face.

LIFT SERUM contains a patented transient active agent complex called Placostim. The first agent is an active anti-wrinkle component that lifts out your sunken, removing wrinkles. Plus a second fortifying agent gives your skin new dynamic lightness.

RECREATE THE ARCHITECTURE OF YOUR FACE WITH CHANEL'S LIFT SERUM ANTI-WRINKLE COMPLEX.

Scientifically proven effective using CHANEL'S patented (uniquely conceived) ultrasonic method. Lift serum has undergone comprehensive dermatological testing.

LES ACTES DE BEA
CHANEL

Agents and Distributors in Kuwait: HABCHI & CHA 4233.

Aquino seeks deal with Marcos

MANILA, Feb. 6 (Reuter): President Corason Aquino has sent a senior adviser to the United States to talk with Ferdinand Marcos' lawyers about a deal between the former Philippine strongman and the country he allegedly pillaged for 20 years.

She said today she sent Mateo Caparas, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, left for the United States on Friday.

Marcos, 71, and his wife, Imelda, have lived in exile in Hawaii since Aquino was swept to power in February, 1986. They face trial in a US court on charges of looting the Philippine treasury.

Marcos, in critical condition in a Honolulu hospital with lung and heart problems, has expressed the desire to return to the Philippines.

But Caparas' trip has "nothing to do with bringing Marcos home — only his money," said the Philippine daily Globe newspaper published by an Aquino aide.

Wealth
Manila has accused Marcos and his associates of plundering up to \$10 billion dollars from the Philippine economy and has rejected his pleas to come home, saying he must first give up any ill-gotten wealth.

Aquino today reiterated the ban on Marcos' return, saying it was not in the national interest "at this time."

Philippine Vice-President Salvador Laurel visited Marcos last weekend and has urged Aquino to grant the former

leader's request to be allowed to die in his country.

Senate president Jovito Salonga, meanwhile, said Marcos was only trying to return to the Philippines to avoid standing trial in the United States.

Aquino spurned Laurel's requests to see her to transmit a message from Marcos which Laurel said was secret and with "far-reaching consequences" for the government and the nation.

The campaign for Marcos' return has won the backing of several senators, including members of Aquino's ruling coalition and senate opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile, a former defence chief and a leader of the 1986 popular revolt that toppled Marcos.

"I don't think Mr Marcos or his family would be thinking of violence at this stage considering his present condition," Enrile said.

Bush to go to Canada on first trip abroad

TORONTO, Feb. 6 (AP): Canadians looking for assurance that their country won't be ignored by Washington now that a free trade agreement between the two countries is in place should be cheered by US President George Bush's visit to Ottawa this week.

Bush continues a pattern set by former President Ronald Reagan in making his first presidential trip abroad to Canada.

There have been hints that Bush's half-day meeting Friday with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will be just the first of several 1989 sessions, an increase from the recent pattern of annual meetings.

Canadians often complain that people in the United States ignore or take for granted their northern neighbour and fail to recognise that their trade relationship is the largest of any two countries in the world.

After a heated election campaign last fall that attracted an unusual amount of international attention, Mulroney's progressive Conservative Party won a second consecutive majority government. That cleared the way for the free trade agreement with the United States that he and Reagan signed in January 1988 to take effect on New Year's Day, as scheduled.

The pact phases out all

remaining tariffs between the two countries over a 10-year period, sets up panels to resolve disputes and eases barriers to investment and trade in energy and services.

Opponents had argued that Canada risked being overpowered by the vastly greater population and economic power of the United States.

Labour groups in Canada are now gearing up to bring attention to the closings of any plants that can be blamed on the trade pact. Although the pact's supporters forecast a net increase of 250,000 jobs in Canada over 10 years, they concede some plant closings will take place as business and industry restructure for the larger North American market.

The summit Friday is expected to be largely a formal affair that will set the stage for future working sessions. The top issue for discussion is certain to be acid rain.

William K. Reilly, Bush's choice for head of the Environmental Protection Agency, attracted widespread attention in Canada with his comments about acid rain at his nomination hearing in Washington.

In a major shift from Reagan's policy, Reilly said legislation to curb acid rain is "first out of the box" for the Bush administration.



Bush and his wife Barbara walk to the White House following their return from Camp David. (Reuter wirephoto)

Tibetans warned against calls for independence

BEIJING, Feb. 6 (UPI): Authorities in Tibet, fearing new violence after 16 months of anti-Chinese unrest, warned today against calls for independence in the region and announced the cancellation of a festival marking Tibetan Buddhism's most important holiday.

The admonition in a magazine article by a senior Tibetan official and the potentially explosive scrubbing of the religious festival reflected government worries over persistent protests led by Tibetan monks against Chinese communist rule.

Nine people were killed in fierce rioting at the end of last year's grand thumpons ceremony, the most important annual holiday, in early March. The latest violence occurred in December when police fired on protesters in Lhasa, the capital, killing three.

Concern over religious fervour sparking protests has intensified as Tibetans mourn the death Jan. 28 from a heart attack of the Panchen Lama, the senior Tibetan religious leader in China and an important mediator between Beijing and restive Tibetans.

Writing in the latest edition of

the Chinese Communist Party theoretical journal "Seeking Truth," Raidi, the deputy Communist Party secretary in Tibet, issued a thinly veiled warnings against calls for independence in the Himalayan region.

Socialism

"To maintain social stability and keep the economy prospering, it is imperative to adhere to the leadership of the Communist Party and follow the socialist road," Raidi wrote, noting the impoverished region's economy had improved with Chinese aid.

The article was tied to the upcoming 30th anniversary of the March 1959 Tibetan rebellion against Beijing that was crushed by Chinese troops. The top Tibetan Buddhist leader, the Dalai Lama, fled to India after the rebellion and has lived since in exile.

Although Tibet is accepted as part of China, many of its two million inhabitants still resent Chinese rule and long for the return of the Dalai Lama. Chinese authorities have been accused of human rights violations and repression of Tibetan culture.

Anti-Chinese rioting erupted in October 1987 in Lhasa for the first time since 1959.

Hoax bomb call on Gulf Air

LARNACA, Feb 6 (AP): A Gulf Air jetliner that made an emergency landing at Larnaca airport following a bomb threat will leave for Frankfurt today after no explosives were found, airport officials reported.

The A-310 Airbus was flying from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to Frankfurt yesterday with 117 passengers and crew aboard when it diverted to Larnaca after an anonymous caller telephoned Athens control tower and claimed there was a bomb aboard.

Cypriot security officers with sniffer dogs checked the aircraft and baggage during the night, but found nothing and determined that the anonymous call was a hoax, the officials reported.

Good conduct probation for faking document

A WOMAN who gave birth to a baby girl, faked information on official documents to register the baby under the name of her first husband, who she divorced a long time ago before getting married to her second husband.

The second husband worked in the garden of the house the lady used to live in with her first husband, and developed a secret relation with her until she was divorced by her first husband.

They were officially married in Kuwait in June, 1987, the baby girl was delivered at Adan Hospital on Sept 3, 1987.

The court passed a sentence of one year good conduct probation on the couple.

Recruits for defence jobs

THE Ministry of Defence has assigned 62 recruits from the 23rd batch of draftees to do their military service inside its various departments, by way of filling existing vacancies.

The Army recruits are now taking a special training course at the Police Academy to be followed by another intensive specialist course before they are finally assigned to their posts in the various ministry departments.

Two meningitis cases last month

TWO meningitis cases were diagnosed in Kuwait last month, according to an official source at the Ministry of Public Health, a local daily has reported.

The cases were the first to be reported this year and the patients were non-Kuwaiti children aged eight and 14 years.

The official added that 14 cases of this disease were reported last year showing a significant reduction in the number of cases reported in 1987.

Hesitated that the meningitis wave which lashed the country during the pilgrimage season in 1987 is not likely to re-occur due to the comprehensive vaccination campaign adopted by the ministry and health measures imposed on pilgrimage convoys.

Sabah briefs Hoss on second stage of League committee talks

BEIRUT, Feb 6, (KUNA): Lebanese Acting Premier Dr Selim Al Hoss today exchanged, in a telephone contact, views over the Lebanese crisis with Chairman of the Six-man Arab League Committee on Lebanon, Kuwait Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Official Lebanese sources said Sheikh Sabah acquainted Hoss with current preparations to launch the second stage of talks, expected to start on Feb 20.

Sheikh Sabah briefed the Lebanese official on the outcome of consultations made by the Kuwaiti official in Cairo and Damascus.

He has recently concluded the first round of talks with the three Lebanese presidencies in Tunis, following which he paid visits to Cairo and Damascus where he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Sheikh Sabah also told KUNA that invitations will be sent to Muslim and Christian spiritual leaders in Lebanon for a meeting in Kuwait with the Arab League's Committee on the Lebanese crisis.

A special Kuwaiti envoy will deliver invitations to the meeting, due to take place on February 23.

Kuwait's meeting which will be held under the umbrella of the Arab League comes within the framework of the six-man committee on Lebanon which held its first meeting in Tunis last week.

Meanwhile, United Nations envoy Jean Claude Aime and French emissary Jean Francois Deniau held separate talks today with Muslim leaders seeking ways to end the political crisis that threatens to formalise the partition of Lebanon.

Aime, who arrived in Beirut early today, met with Acting

Prime Minister Salim Hoss, head of the Muslim government which is vying for power with a rival Christian cabinet.

Deniau crossed Beirut's dividing Green Line from Christian East Beirut to the capital's Muslim sector to meet with Grand Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled, spiritual leader of the Sunni Muslim community.

Mechanism

"We had a lengthy talk on the current situation and the (Arab) mechanism that started in Tunis, and which must continue, in order to solve the Lebanese crisis," Deniau said after the one-hour meeting. He did not elaborate.

He has scheduled a similar meeting with Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddin, spiritual head of Lebanon's Shiite sect.

Deniau arrived in Lebanon on Friday on a mission related to efforts by the 6-member Arab League Committee that met in Tunis last week with Christian and Muslim leaders seeking a compromise that would reunite Lebanon and ensure the election of a new president.

The political crisis stemmed from the failure of Parliament to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel when his 6-year term expired on Sept 22.

Covenant

Minutes before he bowed out, Gemayel appointed Gen Michel Aoun to head a military cabinet to rule until a new head of state was elected.

Aoun's appointment violated an unwritten national covenant dating from Lebanon's independence from France in 1943 under which the president was traditionally a Maronite Christian, the premier a Sunni and the speaker of parliament a Shiite.

KAC will not be privatised: Khorafi

KUWAIT Airways Corporation (KAC) will not be privatised, according to Jasssem Al Khorafi, Minister of Finance.

A local daily reported him as saying that the government, having shares in several companies, refused to privatise, to protect the economic balance.

Khorafi said, in a meeting at the Kuwait Pilots and Flight Engineers Society, the KAC's capital was K350 million and

that government corporations of strategic nature, including KAC, will remain linked to government institutions.

Meanwhile, the official confirmed the importance of not creating new financial obligations as the budget burden is not an easy issue and deficits in the budget are currently being studied. He said that necessary studies will soon be conducted to find out the required balance between assets and liabilities.

Iraqi Cultural Week to open tomorrow

BAGHDAD, Feb 6, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid has said that the holding of the Iraqi Cultural Week in Kuwait following the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war indicates the distinguished relations between the two countries.

In an interview with the Iraqi News Agency's correspondent in Kuwait, the Kuwaiti minister who is also head of the Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters said today he is pleased because the Iraqi Cultural Week will be held to coincide with Kuwait's celebrations of its National Day and the visit to Iraq by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah that begins today.

Views

Rashed said the cultural week would be a good chance in which intellectuals, artists and poets meet to exchange views, and added the week would be the onset of other similar events between the two countries.

The cultural week will open Wednesday with an Iraqi art exhibition at Abdullah Al Salem Art Gallery, followed by an Iraqi folkloric fashion show at Regency Palace Hotel and the following day a

folkloric songs show at Al Andalus Cinema will be held.

On Saturday a lecture on Iraq and the Arabian Gulf will be delivered by Saad Al Bazzaz at the League of Writers to be followed by a folkloric show.

The following Sunday will be for poetry recital and a second folkloric fashion show, and on Monday the week will conclude with a poetry seminar in which a number of poets will take part.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi culture delegation arrived here to take part in the Iraqi Cultural Week.

The delegation is headed by Director of the Iraqi Radio and Television department at the Iraqi Information Ministry, Saad Al Bazzaz.

The delegation was received on arrival by Acting Director of the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters Dr Farouk Al Omar and a number of council officials.

Bazzaz said in a statement to KUNA that the week would be an additional opportunity for deepening fraternal relations between the two brotherly countries.

Dr Farouk Al Omar in his turn expressed pleasure at meeting the Iraqi delegation and said the meeting between Kuwaiti and Iraqi intellectuals, poets and writers represent the integration between the two peoples.

Organs Transplant Centre highly successful: Abouna

THE Organs Transplant Centre is vital to the country because of the specialised services it provides to protect human life, according to a senior Kuwaiti medical official.

In an interview with a local daily, Dr George Abouna, the head of the Organs Transplant Centre said that the centre has conducted 455 kidney transplants, six marrow transplants, including some pancreas transplants.

Patients who have had transplants (numbering 400) still visit the centre's outpatient clinics for regular medical check-ups. These outpatient clinics cater to an average of 40 patients daily. The centre still conducts check-ups on patients who had transplants 10 years ago, Abouna said.

He added that rapid and immense advancements have been achieved in the field of organ transplants and most transplant surgeries are highly successful. Kuwait's Organs Transplant Centre has the necessary facilities and equipment in addition to expert medical staff and nurses since it was established ten years ago.

Some patients reject the newly transplanted organ, but these cases are being treated by doctors through the use of medication



George Abouna

called "Immune Suppressives." Abouna said that 90 per cent of kidney transplants and 80 per cent of heart transplant surgeries are successful. However patients who undergo kidney dialysis die after about a year. This method is applied to keep patients alive. More than 260 patients in Kuwait are compelled to use dialysis for lack of donors. The centre is in dire need of organ donors, he added.

Laws should be promulgated to address shortages in organs and an awareness campaign to enlighten the public should be undertaken, Abouna said.

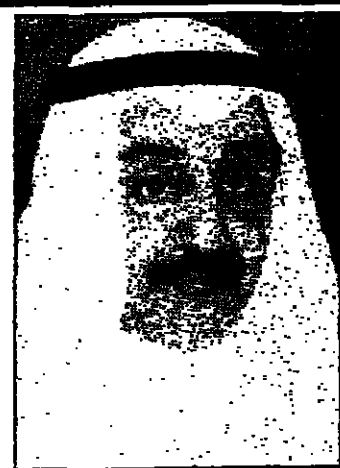


Photo shown above from left to right: Chef Phillip Galliard (assistant chef), Chef Cazes (executive chef), and Chef Saman (Oriental chef).

Training course for Meridien cooks

IN a step to continuously improve the quality of food in its restaurants, Meridien Hotel chef Cazes conducted a training course for all Meridien cooks to show them the latest techniques in food preparation.

Meridien Hotel was always the first in preparing French cuisine, in addition to Oriental food, which gave the food quality a unique taste. This also goes with the excellent service with the Meridien standard.



Jasssem Al Khorafi

Kuwait-Iraq rail link proposed

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received a written message from the Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammad Hamzeh Al Zubaidi proposing a rail link between Iraq and Kuwait.

He said that Kuwait could set up a rail road linked to the existing Iraqi railway which ends in Safwan, a border town, a few kilometres away from Abdalli. The cost would be borne by Kuwait, including maintenance, rail coach installation, and project management.

Meanwhile, the matter is currently being studied to establish its economic feasibility, before making the necessary arrangements.

Unified GCC formula for qualifications

CONTACTS are currently underway with relevant GCC government officials to agree on a unified formula for training and establishing scientific qualifications from experiences of occupant of mid-level leading positions, according to sources close to administrative development officials.

A special plan is being prepared to regulate the holding of the positions, including director of department, assistant director, controller, head of division, head of unit, head of section and clinic principle.

Kuwait takes part in Vienna drug conference

VIENNA, Feb 6, (KUNA): The 33rd ordinary conference for the International Committee on Drugs Combating opened here with participation of all member countries including Kuwait.

The ten-day conference discusses international drug fighting methods and strict measures to prevent their production, smuggling and consumption.

The committee, an affiliate of the UN Economic and Social Council, will review the new international agreement reached last December 20 in Vienna to boost world co-operation in combatting drug trafficking. 47 countries, out of 106 members, had so far signed the agreement that goes into effect after endorsement of 25 governments and parliaments.

KD1,000 fine for sexual assault

THE Court of Appeal refrained from issuing a five year sentence against a man for sexually assaulting a female but instead imposed a KD1000 fine and a two years good conduct probation on him.

The man, a family friend of the victim called the lady at her house and invited her to his friend's house claiming that he had found her a job and wanted some personal information.

The lady was escorted to the man's friend house where he tried to sexually assault her, by pushing her into the bedroom. The lady was able to escape and reported the incident to the police.

Telecommunications law on services

THE Ministry of Communications is planning to issue a special law on telecommunication services, according to Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub, the ministry's undersecretary.

He said that a draft bill has been prepared by a ministry committee, which proposed articles of existing laws enforced in some Arab and international countries.

The study is almost complete. It was prepared by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, on the proposed new integrated telecommunications digital network.

Entrance tests

A PRESS release from the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that the common entrance test for Mayo College and others will be held at the embassy premises on Saturday, Feb 25 at 6.30 am.

Candidates registered for these exams should report to the embassy on the above date.

Bahrain Red Crescent Society a unique welfare organisation

BAHRAIN has been served well over the years by a number of social welfare organisations. Community service has been the pride of this small nation and the envy of its neighbours. Considering its size and population the island boasts of more social and community service organisations than any other state in the region.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) stands as a unique organisation that provides a wide range of services particularly to the poor and needy in rural areas. The society was formed shortly following the country's independence in 1971 and has since played a significant role in providing voluntary welfare services to a large section of the population and raising funds for a number of national and international causes.

Objectives

In an interview with the Arab Times, Dr Ramsay Fahaz, secretary-general of BRCS spoke about the society's role and objectives. "We are the only Red Crescent Society in the Gulf that has both male and female members. As an international organisation we are affected by problems all over the world. I think this is what makes us so unique. Our work is of a very special nature, as we always work on different projects," said Dr Fahaz.

BRCS's activities are conducted through a number of committees which include the following: health education, social welfare, first aid, blood bank, public relations and women's section.

The society's 700 voluntary members comprise of people from all nationalities and professions.

"We always welcome and encourage people to give a couple of hours of their time a week at least for our work. The response has always been promising," said Dr Fahaz.

Financial help

The blood bank committee has been in the forefront of launching major blood donation campaigns over the years with great success. This is one of the reasons Bahrain does not need to import blood, but rely on local output.

In recent times the society has financially helped about 350 families, mostly in the villages, with monthly stipends.

"The aim is to help needy families with financial help until such time when one or more members of the family is able to get a job and earn enough for all members. The basic idea is to create a continuous regular source of income for the family concerned," Dr Fahaz stated.

Vocational training

As part of its policy and goal, BRCS provides vocational training to rural women all over the country. According to the secretary-general a special training centre, the only one of its kind in the Gulf, has been set up to teach women embroidery, knitting, hair-dressing and health-dressing.

In the past seven years about 200 women have been trained in such trades in five villages in the island.

BRCS also operates two kindergartens in the country for the convenience of working mothers.

"The idea is to look after the children while their mothers are at work. Our kindergartens rank among the best in Europe and are internationally recognised by a certificate for the high standards," said Dr Fahaz.

The society organises its 'famous' charity bazaars once every two or three years to raise funds for various charitable causes. A typical bazaar attracts about 150,000 people. A wide range of goods are exhibited and sold at 25 per cent less than normal price.

Training centre

According to Dr Fahaz the organisation is aiming in the near future to set up a training centre for young men, particularly school drop-outs and young adults with little or no education and qualifications. The proposed centre will cater to the women's section and provide vocational training. A minimum of ten students will be required to commence operations.

"We are very worried about young adults who leave school early and have no prospects for employment. We want to keep them away from addictions like drugs. We wish to make them responsible members of society by giving them some hope," emphasised Dr Fahaz.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society is financed by government and private bodies. For the past five years substantial monetary contribution has come from Kuwaiti sources.

The society's headquarters, located by Muharraq Causeway, has become a landmark of exceptional beauty and architecture. In recent times it has even become a tourist attraction. The construction of the project, costing BD1 million, was financed by the government of Bahrain with the support and generosity of the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Kuwaiti girls will not be drafted, says official

COMPULSORY military service will not be applicable to Kuwaiti girls presently or in the foreseeable future, according to a senior military official.

Brigadier Abdul Wahab Al Awadhi, the assistant chief of staff of Kuwait's Army for Manpower and Administration in an interview with the in-hour magazine of the Ministry of Defence said that the present law of military services does not

encompass Kuwaiti girls.

However, he added that the present law states that an Amiri decree can oblige Kuwaiti non-married girls between 18 and 30 years of age to undertake certain military services that would be in keeping with their female status.

But, he clarified that higher authorities have as yet not asked for a study to be undertaken to determine specifics of this issue.

Children watch videos upto five hours a day — report

VIDEO recorders have attracted thousands of people and it is now more popular in Kuwait to watch video films at home than to go to the movies at a theatre.

Statistics have revealed that children spend between three and five hours each day watching television or video films. Experts have considered that the video recorder can have its advantages and its disadvantages.

It can be put to good use to expand knowledge and entertain, but on the other hand it can be a waste of time, poison minds and make screen addicts of children.

A local poll conducted by a local daily, has people saying that video recorders culturally invades minds and creates psychological, social and educational problems.

Quality

Abdullah Ghiloum, Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said that videos have an adverse effect on the minds of children. Most children prefer to watch Western style movies which tend to feature violence, crime and terrorism. He urged parents to select good quality educational

movies to enhance the mentality of children and expand their knowledge.

Ghiloum described today's society as materialistic and said that most parents neglected their children. He considered videos in general to be harmful and a waste of an individual's creative abilities. He believes that official information authorities should play a more important role in this respect.

Invasion

Dr Mohammed Ahmed Sharif, the general secretary of the International Islamic Society considered videos an invasion of the mind that affects the mentality of children through foreign traditions and norms. He said that videos will not solve any educational problems but could be used as a tool in the education process.

The Director of the Social Service Department at the Ministry of Education, Faqea Ibrahim said that despite the harm that videos do, it can have a positive effect if utilised in the right manner.

It is also considered a strong educational facility since it attracts children, he said.

Castrol

LUBRICANTS
PRESENTS



GRAND DANCE FESTIVAL

BY

Dr. Padma Subramanyam (Padmasree)

On 23-2-1989 at 7.00 pm Bharatha Natyam - Dance Ballet

and

On 25-2-1989 at 6.30 pm Bharatha Nrithyam

With a special item Jatayai Moksham - A solo recital for Classical Western composed by Tchaikovsky (Russian)

at

Indian Arts Circle Auditorium
to celebrate Nehru Centenary

For more details contact on Tel. No. 3904817



● Kuwaiti businessman Abdul Karim hosted a reception on Sunday night at the Kuwait International Hotel to celebrate the birth of his son Qais. Picture shows Karim (centre) flanked by friends and relatives.



Dr Rasha opens book exhibition

THE Vice-Rector of Kuwait University Dr Rasha Al Sabah on Saturday opened an exhibition of Children's Books of the Year 1988 at the British Council.

A lecture on "From Tents to Tents — a Survey of British

Literature" was given by Dr Elizabeth Al Kaaoud of the Kuwait University's English Department, Faculty of Arts. The exhibition has been organised by the British Council, Kuwait, in co-operation with the Kuwait Bookshop.

British Council Representative David Brown (left) presenting a bouquet to Dr Rasha Al Sabah.



A child examines one of the books on display.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Ghadir Gallery
Until Feb. 9: "The Orient in their Eyes", a collection of works by a group of Arab and European painters will be shown at the gallery. Open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Iwan Gallery
Exhibition of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya. **Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**
Until Feb. 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT — THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Books of the Year '88
UNTIL FEB 16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award-winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouriyah.

The programme is as follows: FILMS: Feb 8 (6 pm): Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day (cartoon); Feb 15 (6 pm): The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (cartoons). **STORYTELLING SESSION:** A professional storyteller will conduct the sessions. Feb 9/16 (9.30 - 10.30 am) a session for children — aged seven to 10; (11 am-12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.

All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU
FEB 10 (Friday, 2 pm - 6 pm): The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, KAPILKU, will hold their first Bayanihan (get-together) at the Church Hall. Free admission and lots of prizes for winners of parlour games and raffle contest. Guest singers will entertain. All Filipinos are welcome. For details contact Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 484-3447.

Goan Show
FEB 17 (3.30 pm, IAC): The Goan community will celebrate the Nehru Centenary by presenting three one-act plays. Bebe and Dodo, an English play by Gerry Rodrigues, and two Konkani plays Bad Luck (N.G.O.A) and On Credit (Goan Cultural Society). A variety show will also be

presented. For details call 264-4983; 562141.

Gala Dinner
MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call: 4831339; 539-3151.

FLASSIK
FEB 10: 6 pm: The Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait, FLASSIK, will hold the 1989 Valentines Ball at the Holiday Inn's Al Afrah Ballroom.

Kuwait Rondels.
FEB 16: the Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact: Tel: 5337597.

HOTELS

At the SAS
BISTRETTO is the newest Italian restaurant in town, offering a selection of Italian cuisine in addition to international and local specialties.

The Peacock Room offers Chinese meals; and the Al Boom features a different speciality every alternate day in addition to charcoal grill specialties.

At the Movenpick
THE restaurant will feature fondue bourgeoise; seafood platter and Filet de veau Chaloise for the St Valentines Day (Feb 14) celebration. Curry promotion will continue until Feb 23.

At Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

At the Holiday Inn
EVERY Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern

cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.



● The Bengali Cultural Society recently held an evening of entertainment for children to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. An on-the-spot painting competition and quiz and recitation contests were also held. A large number of children participated in the contests. The ladies held an "Ananda Meis" (bazaar). Pictures show: (above) some of the children taking part in the painting competition; (below) children who took part in the quiz contest.



Science exhibition

THE Class X students of the Indian School, Salmiya recently held an exhibition of "science projects" prepared by them during the current academic year. The exhibition covered physics, chemistry and biology and dealt with such problems as recycling and purification of sewage water, functioning of nuclear reactors, mechanical sieves, nutritional disorders,

management of kidney stone disorder and other projects. The show was opened by Mathew Philip, honorary vice-chairman of the board of trustees. School Director J.A.S.

Newton spoke on the importance of science studies. Picture below shows: Students explaining one of the projects to Newton (right) and Mathew Philip.



TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Abna'a Al Diyah: Arabic serial; starring: Jamil Awadh, Juliet Awadh, Rubi Al Safdi, Iman Kamel.
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning
11.00 Al Daleel: local Arabic serial; starring: Mohammed Al Manea, Ayesha Ibrahim
12.00 Studio Angham: variety show
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/closedown
EVENING
4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Cartoon serial
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.45 Ibn Attiya: historical serial; starring: Majed Alfiouni.

Shafiq Hassan, Marcel Marina.
7.00 News Summary
7.15 You and Your Health
7.50 Likulli Sawal wa Jawab: local programme
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Jawaareh: Arabic serial; starring: Safa Abul Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfiq.
10.50 Min Al Alaf Ila Aliya: variety show, featuring Wadiya Safi.
12.30 News Summary
12.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial
6.30 Break Point: a new series about young viewers.
7.00 Footsteps: "The Marble Hunter." David Drew retraces

the history of the Lician ruins in Turkey.
8.00 News in English
8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley. A misunderstanding simmers during the visit of one of the girls.
9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series.
10.10 Bustin' Loose: Mimi's adopted family decide to give shelter to a homeless kid.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "Blues in the Night." Twin-trouble hits town amid a series of robberies. Starring: William Conrad and Joe E. Penny.
11.30 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite; Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 Newscast
30 Megamix
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 W. B. Yeats: Readings from the Poems
45 Europe's World
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Sports International
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newscast
30 The Learning World
45 New Ideas
55 Book Choice
0500 World News
09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News (ex 7th)
40 Words of Faith

45 The World Today
0600 Newscast
30 The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes
0700 World News
09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
30 Europe's World
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 Health Matters
30 Megamix
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 The Intimate Brahms (ex 7th Havana Guitar Festival)
1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
30 Sports International
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Waveguide
25 Book Choice
30 Citizens
1200 Newscast
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20

45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Recording of the Week

FM Services.

0600 Opening: Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1200 Arabic Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM Service
1340 Easy Listening
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Italian Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Heller Skelter
2000 Pops
2130 News
2200 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening
0200 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Al Hajar Pharmacy
Hajar Bldg., Hilali St.
Al Kawther Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Jodan Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Al Shifa Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Almadhi
Al Burgan Pharmacy
Souk Sabah, F'heel
Jleeb Al Shiyookh
Al Wahran Pharmacy
Block 4, Souk St.
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
Badr Al Sumait Bldg., Area 4, Qittah 48

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Youn Mir Youm Helu (Arabic)
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer
Al Salmiya
Al Zalzal (Arabic play)
Al Hamra
Shaitan Yaghna (Arabic)
Starring: Mahmoud Yaseen, Bosi
Drive-In
Bint Min Dahab (Arabic)
Starring: Shireen, Ahmad Rateb, Mahmood fundi
Al Firdous
Kaun Kitney Paani Mein (Hindi)
Starring: Mahender Sandhu, Anuradha Patel
Fahad Open-Air
Sila (Hindi)

Al Fahad
Three Musketeers
Al Jahra
Humki (Bengali)
Granada
Winners and Sinners
Salaikhat
Suicide Force
Al Jleeb
Maan Maryada (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.12 am
Zohr 12.02 pm
Asr 3.09
Maghreb 5.51
Isha 6.50

REQUIRED

Lady Secretary

for an advertising company

Applicant should know English & Arabic typing and have transferable visa. Office timings 8.30 - 1.30 and 4.00 to 7.00 pm.

For appointment please telephone 2418730/38

REQUIRED

SALES MANAGER

To work in the field of advertising and printing.

— previous experience is a must.
— transferable residence
— driving licence and a car.

Telephone: 2418730/2418642

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CONSTANT togetherness is fine — but only for Siamese twins — Victoria Billings, US journalist-writer (1945—).

Hong Kong can't do without China

By Chris Peterson

HONG KONG, (Reuters): Just when they didn't need it, Hong Kong's 5.6 million people have had a graphic demonstration of how dependent the tiny British colony is on the vast People's Republic of China.

A violent confrontation between several thousand protesting truckers and Chinese border police meant a temporary but significant hiccup in the steady stream of fresh food from southern China that keeps Hong Kong fed.

Barely hours after the confrontation last week, in which Chinese police fired warning shots to disperse the Hong Kong-based drivers, the price of vegetables in the colony's street markets rocketed by as much as 30 per cent.

Prices returned to normal as the border situation quietened down, but the lesson had been well-learned: yet again, any problems with supplies from China and Hong Kong is in trouble.

Stability

The incident came at a time when Hong Kong, London and Beijing authorities are urging stability in the colony ahead of 1997, when China regains sovereignty.

Hong Kong island was ceded to Britain in 1841 after the first opium war. This was followed by the tip of the Kowloon peninsula in 1860. A 99-year lease on the hinterland, known as the New Territories, was signed in 1893.

Hong Kong authorities have always been acutely aware of the colony's dependence on its neighbour despite its booming economy and the fact that it is home to one of the liveliest financial markets in Asia.

Described by British Foreign Secretary Lord Palmerston as "barren rock," when acquired in the 19th century, Hong Kong has had to depend on water supplies from China.

Now, its population running

at 5.6 million compared to under 900,000 in 1931, well over half the colony's water is pumped through from China.

Veteran administrators here still marvel at the way the water continued to come through against all the odds in 1967, when China's violent Cultural Revolution spilled over onto the streets of Hong Kong with violent clashes between protesting students and police in riot gear.

It is not just water that makes Hong Kong vulnerable.

Government officials said 10,000 trucks a day crossed from Shenzhen City in China through the Man Kam To border point, carrying tonnes of fresh vegetables, rice, pork and chicken for Hong Kong's myriad markets.

Last week, long-simmering resentment among the Hong Kong drivers at what they regard as unreasonable treatment by local Chinese officials at the border boiled over into violence.

Several thousand truckers — the drivers' representatives say 3,000 while the Shenzhen authorities say 4,000 — staged an angry protest to demand an end to corruption.

Three policemen and a driver were injured in scuffles and security forces fired two warning shots to disperse the drivers.

As negotiators from both sides struggled to untangle the chaos, Hong Kong's lifeline of fresh food was cut off for nearly 24 hours before the drivers lifted their protest.

Complaints

Chen Guanrong, deputy director of the Shenzhen port office, told reporters all complaints by drivers would be carefully investigated.

The drivers claim that they face a wait of six or seven hours at the checkpoint, at present the only one for trucks, unless they pay a bribe of between 200 and 400 dollars (\$25 and \$50) to allow them to use a specially cleared "fresh produce lane."

The drive from Shenzhen to most Hong Kong markets normally takes about three hours.

Nothing new in Israel's 'new' peace plan

By G.G. Labelle

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, (AP): Israeli leaders, faced with a changed political equation in the wake of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's more moderate stance, have offered Palestinians "new" peace plans that were first considered — and rejected — more than 10 years ago.

Israel is dressing up such old ideas because it's facing several dilemmas:

● The Army seems incapable of ending the Palestinian "intifada," or uprising, in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the government does not want to give in to the revolt's goal: an independent Palestinian state.

● The rebellion, along with Arafat's declaration that he recognises Israel and renounces terrorism, has attracted sympathy abroad and is distancing Israel from allies whose goodwill it needs. Foreign interest in Arafat's overtures is pressuring the Jewish state to come up with some sort of peace initiative.

● Short of independence, there seems to be little new in the way of peace plans that have not been raised already — and sunk — since Israel took control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Six Day War in the Mideast.

Plan

The Rogers Plan of 1969, the Begin Plan of 1977, the Camp David accords of 1978, the Reagan Plan of 1982, the Shultz Plan of 1983 — all have been rejected by one side, the other, or both.

David Bar-Ilan, an Israeli political analyst, outlined what he described as Israel's "unenviable position" at a conference of political scientists and former government officials here last week.

"Unless (Israel) finds ways to quell the 'intifada' ... it will be reduced to choosing between two evils: maintaining the status quo and inviting political and diplomatic isolation, or withdrawing to the '67 (border) lines and allowing a Palestinian state to rise on the outskirts of the Tel Aviv and occupied Jerusalem," he said.

Against this background,

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin both recently floated suggestions for reviving the stalled peace process. Their proposals centre on granting "autonomy," or limited self-rule, to the 1.7 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied lands.

Rabin called for the election of local representatives, then autonomy and finally negotiations for a final settlement on the status of the territories, either in a confederation with Jordan or with Israel.

Shamir said directly for the first time that he would be willing to pull Israeli troops out of some cities in the occupied lands if Palestinians would accept autonomy. The end result also would be talks about the final status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

While elections and autonomy seem like good ideas at first glance, they are not new. Both were brought up in former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's peace plan of 1977 and the US-sponsored Camp David accords the following year. The plan for troop withdrawals from Palestinian cities also comes from Camp David.

Shamir has repeatedly said he is committed to the Camp David accords. But the Palestinians were not party to that agreement and have rejected autonomy and elections for what they consider good reasons.

The balloting would be to elect Palestinian representatives in the territories to negotiate with Israel for a solution to the homeland issue. This cuts out the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which most Palestinians consider their best representative.

Autonomy — letting Palestinians run local affairs while Israel keeps control of military security — means settling for much less than the Palestinians want: their own country.

The word "autonomy" also has a bad taste for Palestinians from the way Begin introduced it.

He said that under autonomy, the Israeli Army would remain stationed in the West Bank and Gaza. "We have a right and a demand for sovereignty over these areas of the land of Israel," he said.

Harsh winter prevents launching of major assaults

Afghan guerrilla attacks held in freeze

By Kathy Gannon

WARDAK Province, Afghanistan, (AP): Bent against a wind that howls through snow-covered mountains, Muslim insurgents with feet clad only in stockings and sandals coax camel and mule supply convoys over rugged passes.

The mujahedeen, or "holy warriors," say the snow that clogs the winding trails will confine their military activities mainly to harassment of communist troops until the spring thaw.

The harsh weather prevents them from launching major assaults on Afghan cities vacated by the withdrawing Soviet Army, they say.

Winter has made frigid citadels of the imposing peaks harbouring the US and Pakistan-backed guerrillas during their 10-year war against the communists.

The turbaned fighters huddled in blankets say that until spring,

they will concentrate on weakening government forces by harassing them and blocking their overland supply routes of food and fuel.

"God willing, we are near to freedom," Jabbar told a reporter who had accompanied a group of Afghan rebels into their mountain strongholds southwest of the communist-held capital of Kabul.

Seasoned

Jabbar, already a seasoned guerrilla with the hardline Yunis Khalis faction at the age of 24, traded his high school textbooks 10 years ago for a Soviet-made Kalashnikov assault rifle.

"But until the spring we can't do much," said Rahoney Wardak, who along with his two brothers commands several hundred mujahedeen in Afghanistan's central and southern provinces of Wardak and Ghazni.

Moscow pledged in a UN accord to withdraw all of its more than 100,000 combat troops

from Afghanistan between May 15, 1988, and Feb 15, 1989. Half were out by last August, and the final pullout reportedly is under way.

The Marxist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in a 1978 coup, sparking the Muslim insurrection.

Soviet soldiers marched in a year later to replace one pro-Moscow government with another, then remained to help fight the burgeoning civil war.

Negotiations for the accord, signed by Afghanistan, neighbouring Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States, excluded the mujahedeen, who assert it was their own persistence that forced the Soviets to leave.

Morale

The guerrillas, some wearing Soviet-made fur hats and woolen uniform pants captured from stores of fallen government posts, said morale within their loose ranks is rising, while the morale among Kabul troops is at an ebb.

"They are very nervous," Wardak said of the government soldiers. With the Soviets pulling out of the country, "they can't imagine what will happen to them."

The mujahedeen have promised amnesty to defecting troops and are convinced they will win the battle against government forces, despite assertions to the contrary by the communist government.

"If the Soviets really leave, regime forces will fall down on their own," said Wardak. "If they (the Soviets) really take their hands off of Afghanistan, then the (fighting) can be finished in a short time."

In the eastern Afghan city of Ghazni, about 100 miles (170 kms) north of the Pakistan border, mujahedeen cells of 15 each have breached the government's security belt and now live inside the city limits.

About 2,000 government troops are posted in more than 130 positions in and around

Ghazni. Mujahedeen say half are from the ranks of Kabul's elite Tsarandoy police and half from the Khad State Security Police.

Ambush

Until the Soviets pulled out of the city of 100,000 last year, mujahedeen access was severely limited by Red Army troops who stalked the perimeter ambushing guerrilla squads.

"When the Russians were in Ghazni, every day there was an ambush," said Abdul Raqib, a rebel commander within the city.

A handful of mujahedeen, one wearing a captured Soviet-issue tank helmet, recently moved within the Ghazni city limits to within several hundred feet (less than 200 metres) of its ancient Bala Hissar Fort which seems impregnable from its perch overlooking the city.

"We don't expect to capture the fort, we just want to keep the government off guard," Raqib told the reporter.

Raqib said the only time the Kabul troops ventured out was when the fort was attacked, and

only then in tanks.

The rebels harassed troops in the bastion with 82-millimetre rockets.

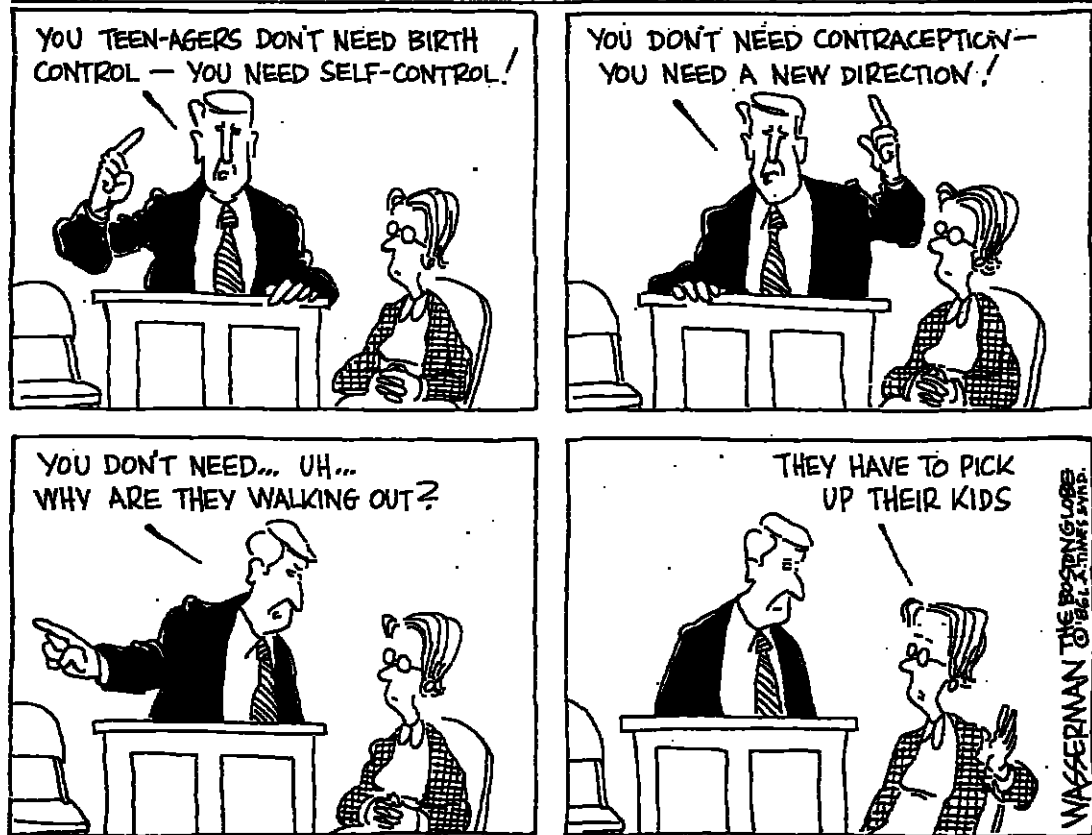
Within minutes a tank rumbled out and indiscriminately blasted away in the direction of the mujahedeen fire.

Withdrawal

As the Red Army began its withdrawal, government posts in the countryside began falling to mujahedeen. The rebels now move freely from neighbouring Pakistan, where much of their weapons and ammunition originate.

Obscure villages like Logar, Bandi Sadr and Ya Khil, are memorials to Soviet-Afghan war dead and testimonies to mujahedeen tenacity.

Rusting Soviet-made T-72 tanks and military vehicles are partially buried in snow outside Bandi Sadr. In Ya Khil, mujahedeen with rocket-propelled grenade launchers slung over their shoulders climb over the remains of a Soviet-made helicopter.



Drug substitution programme making headway in Pakistan

By Edward Girardet

NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE, Pakistan: Facing the threat of increased heroin production across the border in Afghanistan, Pakistan is making a bid to eradicate the cultivation of opium-producing poppies.

Poppy substitution programmes, supported by the United States and other donor governments, have persuaded many Pakistani tribesmen to abandon the traditional but lucrative practice of producing opium, according to international aid and narcotics-control officials.

Since the early 1980s, they say, the introduction of new crops coupled with improved agricultural methods, new roads, irrigation systems, schools, and health facilities have cut back poppy-growing in certain districts of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province.

Less than four years ago, major opium-producing regions such as Swat, Malakand, and Gadoon-Amazai still boasted numerous fields of pink and white poppies. These have now been replaced — at least in the more accessible parts — by wheat, corn, and other crops.

"This only works if you can convince farmers that they can lead better lives by planting something else and by allowing the government to open up their territories to new or improved

infrastructure," one Western aid representative in Islamabad said.

Nevertheless, resistance to poppy eradication programmes in the less docile parts of the Northwest Frontier, notably Dir or in the Khyber Pass, continues. At times, the Pakistani authorities have deployed both the Army and local militia against recalcitrant tribesmen. Yet security operations, ranging from the forcible uprooting of poppy plants to the bombardment of villages by artillery, have not always proved dissuasive, development officials say.

According to narcotics control officials, 50 per cent of Pakistan's heroin production is located within 10 miles of the Afghan border. With the rise of government pressure against the Khyber and other traditional drug trafficking areas, however, local heroin production has moved to nearby frontier agencies, such as Mohmand and Bajaur.

Tribesmen have also begun setting up factories across the Afghan border. The more remote, mountainous, and independent tribal areas, narcotics officials say, the more difficult it will be to introduce successful eradication programmes.

"It is obvious that if Islamabad starts applying effective enforcement, the production of heroin will simply cross over into Afghanistan," one Western narcotics official said.

The implementation of drug substitution programmes depends on making deals with local village leaders such as providing new roads, agricultural assistance, and other improvements in return for agreements to stop planting poppies, Western aid officials say.

"Basically, when a village accepts a project, it is accepting government control," says Mike McGovern, chief engineer with the US Agency for International Development (AID) in the Northwest Frontier. By the same token, he added, villagers may no longer consider themselves bound by an agreement if the government fails in its promise.

While regions such as Gadoon-Amazai, with its narrow, terraced fields clinging to the slopes of steep hills, have emerged as models in government poppy eradication programmes, officials warn that crop substitution can only succeed in irrigated areas. For peasants living in poor, isolated villages with limited or no water resources, poppies can remain the only way to earn a decent living.

Once harvested, the sticky balls of black opium can earn a farmer between Rs800-1,000 a kilo, perhaps as much as Rs 30,000 (nearly \$2,000) overall — a substantial sum in these parts. Without offering a viable alternative, aid sources say, simple outlawing of opium production is not a solution.

"Irrigation and roads are the most successful and appropriate form of development," says McGovern, who has been closely involved in the Gadoon project. "Without one or both of these, you can't realistically expect people to adjust economically."

Controversial

As it is, poppy eradication programmes remain controversial issues. Wali Khan, a leading Pathan nationalist, recently called on tribesmen to continue growing poppies unless adequately compensated by the government.

"Ultimately, the only way you are going to control this racket is by educating people to stop using it and by cracking down on the big traffickers," said a representative of the US Drug Enforcement Agency.

To the satisfaction of Western donor governments, particularly the United States — Pakistan's largest aid contributor — the country's new Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, recently announced the establishment of a Narcotics Control Ministry.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Stroessner toppled for tampering with military

By Elizabeth Love

ASUNCION, Paraguay, (AP): Gen. Alfredo Stroessner's long tenure as dictator ended because he tampered too much with the institution that propelled him into power 34 years ago: the military.

Stroessner tried to force his most powerful military leader, Gen. Andres Rodriguez, into retirement; and his recent shake-ups of the Army caused widespread resentment among his officers.

That, combined with Stroessner's ultimate plans to have his son succeed him as president, led to the violent coup that ended the 76-year-old general's rule and vaulted Rodriguez to power on Friday.

Stroessner tried to take away some of the regiments controlled by Rodriguez and thus reduce his power — a technique he (Stroessner) has used for years. But this time he committed a very big indiscretion," Edgar Insfran, an analyst for the Inter-American Development Bank, said in an interview.

Rodriguez was bolstered by disaffected officers who resented a reshuffling last month that resulted in the retirement of

about 100 Army colonels and 35 Navy captains, said opposition leader Domingo Laino, president of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party and leader of the National Accord Opposition Coalition.

Advantage

"(Rodriguez) took advantage of the general ill feeling within most of the military units to deal Stroessner a lethal blow," said Laino, who returned in 1987 from a long period of exile and now is Paraguay's best-known human rights activist.

Conflict between the two generals had been simmering since 1984, when the ruling Colorado Party split divisively into two factions: the militants who supported Stroessner unconditionally, and the traditionalists who favoured democratic reforms and a distancing of the 101-year-old party from the unpopular, authoritarian ruler.

Differences between Stroessner and Rodriguez reportedly came to a head in 1987, when the militant faction wrested leadership of the party from traditionalists by using strong-arm tactics, including the barring of traditionalist delegates from entering the congress where leaders were elected.

Coups may help find Nazi fugitives

By Alice Crane

LOS ANGELES, (UPI): The coup that toppled President Alfredo Stroessner in Paraguay may make it easier to find hundreds of Nazi fugitives believed still living in the South American country, the head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, who heads the centre that has led the hunt for World War II Nazi war criminals, said that while Stroessner was in power, the Paraguayan police and other authorities were unwilling to help in the search for Nazi fugitives.

"When democracy comes, Nazi war criminals will have to

consider it a very bad day for Paraguay," Hier said. "Probably some are making reservations by boat or plane to get out. Some may consider moving elsewhere."

The leader of Friday's coup, Gen. Andres Rodriguez, was sworn in as president on Friday and promised to return the country to democracy soon.

Hier said "it is safe to say that hundreds of Nazis" are still living in Paraguay, which along with Argentina freely welcomed fugitives from post-war Germany.

"We have a couple of names on our list there," he said. "But until we have evidence that they committed a crime, we can't really talk about it."

Hier said Stroessner had a fasci-

ination with Hitler and "fascist attachments" with "fascist elements."

"(Stroessner and the late Argentine dictator Juan Peron) just saw to it that these people were welcome, were desirable," Hier said. "Both countries were high on the list of the 'Odeon' network, the secret organization that got SS officers out of Europe."

Nazi war criminal Edward Roschmann fled to Asuncion, Paraguay, from Argentina in 1977 to die peacefully, a Paraguayan Nazi, physician Jose Mengele, who Auschwitz death camp survivors call the "Angel of Death," lived for years in Paraguay and was given citizenship before moving to Brazil where he died.

Botha's days are numbered

By Jonathan Sharp

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuters): Although he has quit as head of South Africa's ruling National Party, President P.W. Botha says he will carry on as head of state. But both his friends and foes believe his days in power are numbered.

Two weeks after suffering a mild stroke, 73-year-old Botha stunned even his closest associates by announcing on Thursday he was stepping down as leader of the party he has been devoted to throughout a long political career.

By the end of Thursday morning the National Party had settled on a new leader, National Education Minister F.W. de Klerk, who narrowly edged out Finance Minister Barend du Plessis.

Botha said in his resignation letter that he wanted to end the tradition whereby the presidency went hand in hand with leadership of the National Party, and that he wanted to concentrate on being head of state.

But most people think the Botha era, already more than 10 years old, is close to an end.

The main question mark about his future concerns his health. Doctors say Botha is making a remarkable recovery from the Jan 18 stroke, but whether he can handle the full burdens of office again is debata-

ble. Botha's supporters depict his resignation as party chief as an astute move to avoid the embarrassing party squabbling that has marked previous leadership transitions in South Africa.

By announcing suddenly his decision to resign, Botha forced the parliamentary caucus to choose a leader immediately, the pro-government Citizen newspaper said in an approving editorial.

It added that Botha may be clearing the decks for an early general election and wanted a new party leader to establish himself well in advance of what is likely to be a bruising campaign.

Botha's opponents to the right see his move as a symptom of disarray in the ranks of the National Party, which last year celebrated 40 years in power.

Andries Treurnicht, head of the Conservative Party which is mounting a growing challenge to the Nationalists, pointed to the close vote that resulted in De Klerk's victory.

"The narrow margin was understandable in view of the turmoil in the National Party," said Treurnicht, who himself was once a cabinet minister under Botha.

Treurnicht, noting that Botha has shed many of his responsibilities since his stroke, sees the president leaving active politics soon.

As well as quitting the party leadership, Botha has assigned Constitutional Planning Minister Chris Heunis to be acting president, and Heunis read the keynote policy speech at the resumption of parliament in Cape Town on Friday.

To the political left of the Nationalists, liberal Zach de Beer of the Progressive Federal Party declined to speculate on how long Botha would stay in power, beyond saying that it was the main unanswered question.

Clashed

Allan Hendrickse, a leader of the coloured (mixed-race) community who has repeatedly clashed with Botha, said the leadership question was irrelevant.

"It does not matter who is leader. As long as the policies of the National Party are being executed, there is no hope for South Africa," he said.

Other critics of Botha are more sanguine about his possible early departure. They note that Botha has largely failed in his bid to draw black leaders into a multi-racial dialogue that could grant the country's 25 million black some power at the national level.

The end of the Botha era could break the impasse, they say. The moderate Business Day newspaper, a regular critic of the government, commented "President Botha's departure, however controversial, may be the dawn of new hope."

There is life after Dynasty: Linda Evans

By William Langley

HAVING tenderly dispatched Krystle Carrington to a better world than Beverly Hills, Linda Evans believes her own life is just beginning.

Speaking publicly for the first time since leaving Dynasty 46-year-old Evans said: "I feel reborn. I have been wrapped up in the show for so long I can barely remember life without it."

Relaxed and radiant, she sat in a Paris hotel room as winter sunbeams lit up her famous blonde hair. Krystle may be under sentence of death, but Evans, on her first real holiday since the original Dynasty script landed in her lap, has never looked better.

Over the next few months, legions of hankie-wringing fans will follow Krystle's losing battle against an incurable illness. But one person who won't be shedding any tears is Linda herself.

"Dynasty has been like a home and family to me," she said. "But there comes a time when everybody has to leave home. Now I want to kiss Krystle goodbye and start being Linda again."

Rich, beautiful and famous, she admits her life still lacks one thing — the right man. Her two marriages, first to Hollywood producer John Derek, then to real-estate tycoon Stan Herman, collapsed. And although she has been voted "The Most Loved Woman on TV" in America, she says she has never found the real thing.

"People think that because I'm an actress and I'm attractive, life is very easy for me," she said. "It's not."

"One of the things I want to tell people, particularly women, is that celebrity or not, we all have the same problems." In her household couture suit and scarlet blouse, she still looks every inch the elegant, too-good-to-be-true



Linda Evans: "I want to kiss Krystle goodbye and start being me."

Krystle. And, she says, "Krystle really was just like me. We both built our hopes and dreams around men we loved. We both wanted children, and searched for ideals that weren't easy to find."

Now she intends to spend six months relaxing. "I want to learn to ski, cook all the recipes I've saved, make friends, again." It will also be a relief, she says point-

edly, "not being asked how I get on with Joan Collins."

Her plans include working on ecological campaigns with her friend Jane Fonda. "So much of the world is under threat," she said. "We all have a duty to fight back."

Who knows? Perhaps one day Krystle may be playing in the White House. And how will Joanie match that?

Glasnost is bad news for spy novelists

THE manuscript of John le Carré's new novel *The Russia House*, out in June, is the cause of more than usual suspense.

Events in the Soviet Union are unfolding faster than the plot of Smiley's *People* and le Carré is said to have worked long and hard on his new script to try to accommodate them.

But fans of the Cold Warrior, as he is sometimes called, fear that glasnost has left the much-loved formula shaken and stirred.

Le Carré is acknowledged as the master of plots that duck and weave beneath the Iron Curtain. He is also said to have reared the spy novel to maturity by raising serious questions about the human condition and the nature of secrecy.

Evil

Russia, until now the byword in the West for corruption and duplicity, has served le Carré for 25 years as the backdrop to those moral questions. Now Russia has a new morality. If the creator of

Smiley and of Karla, the Soviet spy master, has had to come in from the Cold War, what front will he now fight on?

"We will have to find a new evil," Eric Major, head of le Carré's publishers Hodder and Stoughton, agreed last week.

"In the spy novels of the Thirties, it was Germany. But all novelists reflect their contemporary world and, in my view, le Carré does in *The Russia House*. But others may not think so."

Le Carré accepted an invitation to Moscow for the first time last year and was reported to be nonplussed by the new openness he found.

His new plot is being kept under wraps and Hodder and Stoughton's ambiguously-worded catalogue entry only fuels the mystery of how le Carré deals with Gorbachevian Russia.

The *Russia House*, we are told, is "a spy story and an anti-spy story, a story of Cold Warriors who continue to



John le Carré: nonplussed by the new openness in the Soviet Union

dance in their grey cellars after the music has ended... a satire of contemporary political ethics... a cast of characters on both sides of the rusting Iron Curtain."

One of those who spies on le Carré is Lars Sauerberg, author

of *Secret Agents in Fiction* "Le Carré," says Sauerberg, "reacted against the black-and-white Cold War that Ian Fleming presented but, under the guise of a more relaxed attitude, he still harbours a grudge against the Russians."

He added: "I do not see him opening up towards something that would change his mind. I doubt very much whether he will be able to handle the end of the Cold War."

Option

"Thriller writers have had to find new evils in these hard times. The classical resort of the genre, when foreign possibilities dry up, is to turn inwards, in this case to the British Establishment, as Len Deighton has done in his new trilogy, *Hook, Line and Sinker*."

But that may not be an option open to le Carré who, as the real-life David Cornwell, is known to have worked for British intelligence in the 1960s.

Nigel West, expert author of books on the British

intelligence and in real life Rupert Allason, the Conservative MP for Torbay, believes that spy novelists who turn to domestic espionage are likely to clash in the future with the government.

He believes the new Official Secrets Bill, which proposes the prosecution of past and present members of the secret services, and of "other persons" whose disclosures damage the security services, will turn the spy novel into an object of government suspicion.

Allason/West will be testing the water himself this summer with his first thriller, *The Blue List*. It will, he says, "unquestionably" fall foul of the new Bill. "The book is full of details about a secret detention centre in Scotland, called Inverlair, which actually exists."

For all the spy novelists, the new climate is harsh. Their old landscapes have been altered by the glasnost wind of change and the new Official Secrets Bill threatens to pick them off. The plots can only thicken.

The lighter side of George Bush...

By Michael Posner

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): In the kinder and gentler world of George Bush there's a fun-loving side not seen in public — that of amateur magician and jokester known to shake hands with a hidden hand buzzer.

According to White House sources familiar with his habits, Bush has been known to surprise people by handing them dollar bills that mysteriously disappear, wallets that explode and offering a handshake with a vibrating buzzer that tingles.

He even has been given to surprising people with such classic novelties as noise-making cushions, according to one White House source.

Although Bush, 64, has been in the public eye for most of his adult life — including the eight years as vice-president — relatively little is known about the private man.

Only in the aftermath of the November 8 election did the world realise that he is an avid

and expert, fisherman. And it took presidential politics to reveal his penchant for Chinese food, horse shoe pitching and jogging.

Bush has no plans, as far as is known, to take hand buzzers along for any summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev or to perform magic at cabinet sessions.

However, sources said Bush has given ex-President Reagan magic tricks for gifts.

Al Cohen, owner of Al's Magic Shop three blocks from the White House, is sure he did. He said Bush bought a forty dollar "mirage" bowl and added, "I believe he gave it to President Reagan."

The bowl — which looks like a covered bowl or small wok with a hole on top — gives the appearance that money or other objects placed inside can be easily grabbed from on top. But it's an optical illusion and the items are really out of reach.

One of Bush's self-appointed tasks as Reagan's vice-president

was to collect jokes to tell his chief each morning.

Cohen features in his window a large photograph of himself and a smiling George Bush, with the words: "Congratulations to our most famous customer."

Cohen said Bush has visited the store a number of times or has sent aides, usually around the Christmas season.

A White House source said Bush usually buys tricks and novelty items for his 10 grandchildren — and tries them out first.

Bush, according to Al Cohen, is not into buying cheap stuff. He said the President bought a disappearing deck of card box for over \$60. Put a deck of cards inside it and the cards disappear.

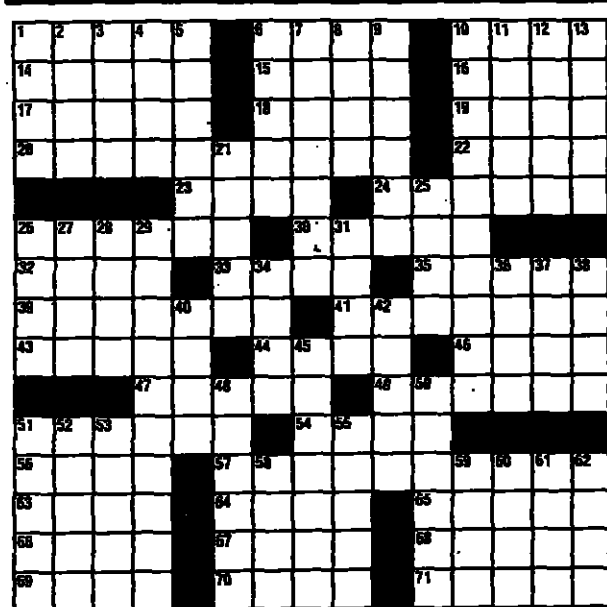
During the last weekend of the campaign, one of Bush's trick gadgets surfaced.

He closed off a session with reporters by holding up an electronic noisemaker sounding like a screaming bomb and said: "I'm terminating this news conference."



President George Bush: amateur magician

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Come out right
 - Sincere
 - Mercator works
 - Permission
 - Actress Adams
 - Water, in Madrid
 - Consumed
 - Charley's relative
 - The like
 - Side show that could leave one scratching
 - Director Kazan
 - "La Douce"
 - Contemptible one
 - Move unsteadily
 - Restorative
 - French friend
 - Coward of note
 - "— and the Wolf"
 - Reduced in value
 - Toasted
 - Follow
 - Table spread
 - Corrida participant
 - Cotta or firma
 - Fueled
 - Ridicule
 - Hammer and
 - Norse explorer
 - Cook who has a lot of crust
 - TV's Anderson
 - Emerald Isle
 - Shade of green
 - Mount in Thessaly
 - Singer Home
 - Cathedral sections
 - Spotted
 - Droops
 - Wide-mouthed pitchers
- DOWN**
- First Hebrew letter
 - Agreement
 - Go out with
 - Eye section
 - It's useless if pointless
 - Furnish with new weapons
 - School
 - Abortive in Japan
 - Admits
 - What Denver Mint worker does
 - sounds logical
 - Nimble
 - Of ancient Carthage
 - Former Egyptian leader
 - "Good Night"
 - Philippines
 - Boggs of the Red Sox
 - Portland
 - Dinner wear for young ones
 - In her line a
 - new wrinkle is unwelcome
 - Ye — Tea Shoppe
 - Reputation
 - Ring wins
 - Common French verb
 - Church crucifix
 - Future flower
 - Radio operator's response
 - Falling into error
 - Fends off
 - No particular person
 - Tiny Greek Island
 - Appearing as if gnawed
 - Washer cycle
 - Heating vessels
 - House yard
 - Lobster part
 - Scene of great activity
 - At any time
 - Come clean (with up)
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- BLVD GRAMS ACHY
LAIR RERUM FREE
OSSA OMANI BOLT
CHEWSTOBITS SLO
NUTTY TABSON
BAP POE DENOR
ORLOPS MANDRILL
SNARL AMY PELLEE
CANAILLE CARPEN
EGEAN SIP SRO
MILERS SANER
ORA SCREWDRIVER
PIEN ANEYE VIVIE
UNES LATER EODEN
PESO ASORS TIENT

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
TWO POINTS TOO MANY

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♠ A K Q
♥ A 7
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

WEST

♠ 7 5
♥ K 10 5 3 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K 10

EAST

♠ 6 3
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ K 9 4
♣ J 9 7 3

SOUTH

♠ J 10 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 4
♦ A 7 5
♣ A Q

The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Most bridge players we know complain about holding too little in the way of high cards. On this deal, declarer might have had a legitimate complaint that he held too many.

The auction was straightforward.

When North showed a minimum opening bid, South was not interested in anything more than game.

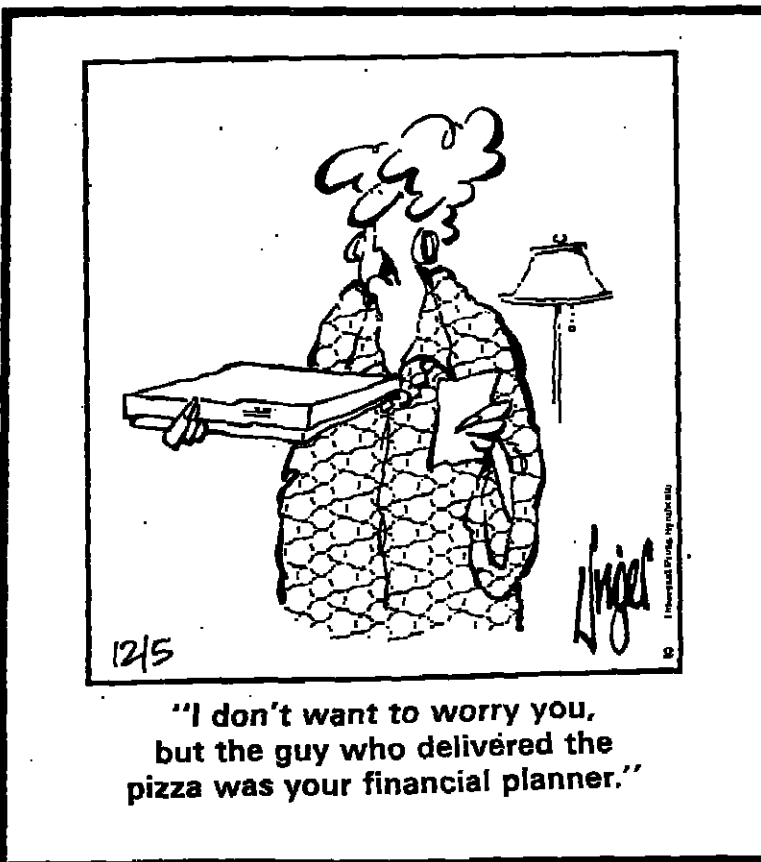
West led the top of his diamond

sequence, attacking declarer's weakness right at the opening salvo. Declarer won the ace and crossed to dummy with a trump to take the club finesse. In with the king of clubs, West continued with the jack of diamonds and a diamond to his partner's king. East exited with a trump.

Declarer cleared the ace of clubs, crossed to the table with the ace of hearts and ruffed a club. Had the suit split 3-3, all would have been well. But when the probabilities prevailed and the suit broke 4-2, declarer was an entry short to use his long club — down one.

Had declarer's hand been 2 points weaker, he would almost surely have made his contract. Take away the lure of the club finesse by changing the queen of clubs to a low card, and the winning line should have become obvious.

After winning the ace of diamonds, declarer should play the ace of clubs and another. Now he is a tempo ahead. No matter what the defenders do, declarer has the time and entries to set up a long club for a heart discard. The defenders will get two diamond tricks and a club, but that is all.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not get your way in all things and should try to live with this fact. You should avoid entering into a commitment which would be hard if not impossible to meet. Do not allow yourself to be overcome by doubts.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not say one thing and then do another. You should refrain from all kinds of exaggerations or distortions. You should take just a little better care of your health. Be open minded.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have plenty of energy but you must not expend it indiscriminately. A lot depends on your own determination and goodwill. There is no time to waste. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not say one thing and then do another. You should refrain from all kinds of exaggerations or distortions. You should take just a little better care of your health. Be open minded.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have plenty of energy but you must not expend it indiscriminately. A lot depends on your own determination and goodwill. There is no time to waste. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



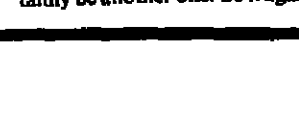
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not say one thing and then do another. You should refrain from all kinds of exaggerations or distortions. You should take just a little better care of your health. Be open minded.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have plenty of energy but you must not expend it indiscriminately. A lot depends on your own determination and goodwill. There is no time to waste. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



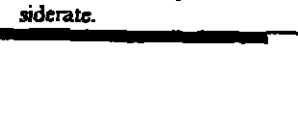
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not say one thing and then do another. You should refrain from all kinds of exaggerations or distortions. You should take just a little better care of your health. Be open minded.



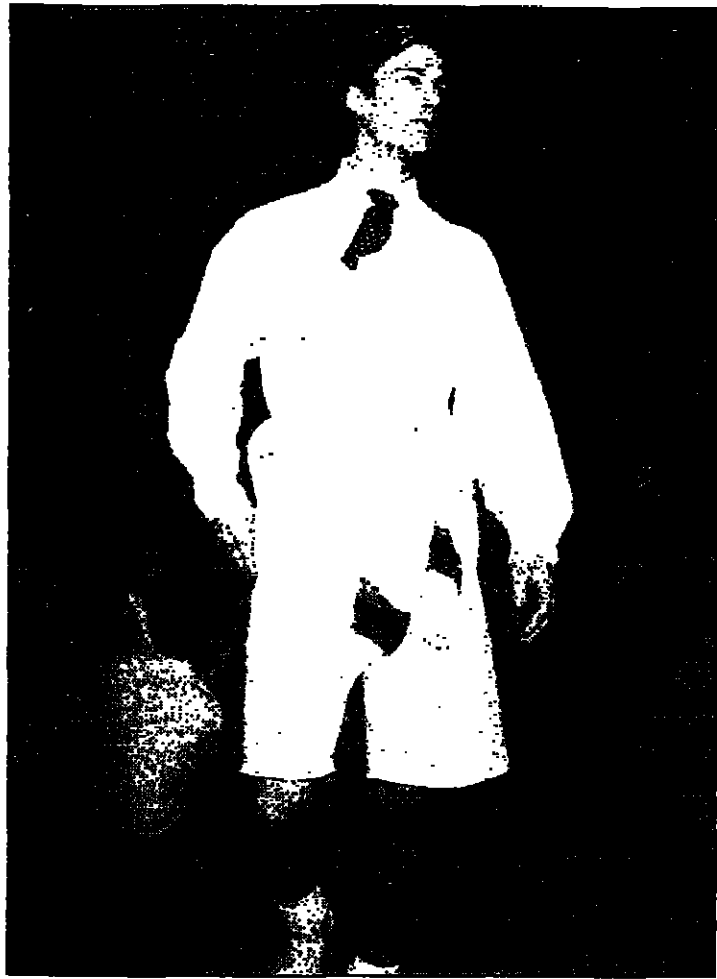
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have plenty of energy but you must not expend it indiscriminately. A lot depends on your own determination and goodwill. There is no time to waste. Be alert.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but you must also operate the rudder. You will experience a disappointment and you must learn to live with it. You should not be averse to change. Be cordial.



The arrival of shorts will be the star items of men's fashions this summer. Models display suits by Hermes (left) and Daniel Hechter (right)

1989 fashion recalls the French Revolution of 1789

Paris designers as inventive as ever

By Patrick Olivier

MEN'S ready-to-wear fashions in 1989 recall the Revolution. This is hardly surprising and fashion-designers should take off their hats to the men of 1789.

First of all, there is, of course, the strong return of the aristocratic frilled shirt, shirts with *trompe-l'oeil* waistcoats (to stay cooler in summer) (by "Comme des Garçons"), spotted ties which can be folded like an accordion with the help of pleats, shirts with pointed collars for day-wear and stand-up collars for evening-wear, white for traditionalists and black for those in the swim, worn with a small muslin or silk scarf tied around the neck (by Mugler).

With the aristocratic fashions, dinner-jackets are in, with the general trend going to the dressed-up look in formal wear. Dinner jackets go from black ones

revealing glimpses of the back (Roelli Testa), to white admiral-type dinner-jackets (Lucien Fonce) and include skirted dinner-jackets which tie like a wrap (Kenzo). Ties are definitely out. Dinner-jackets are worn over white polo-shirts or silk T-shirts (Dupont), as are the strict double-breasted suits by Dior.

Popular
The popular side of the Revolution is revealed by the "sans culottes," or rather the arrival of shorts which will be the star items of men's clothing next summer with shorts suits (Daniel Hechter), comfortable jersey shorts with bomber jackets (Tarlazzi) or loose white shorts worn over pilot's shirts (Hermes).

The Revolution remains the theme with Saint-Laurent. He makes full use of the revolutionary rosette and the three colours. Shirts are thus blue, white and red, and there are rosette broo-

ches to wear on lapels. There are also astonishing silk waistcoats embroidered with "fleurs de France" daisies, cornflowers and poppies, representing the revolutionary colours.

The Revolution also recalls the Ancient Regime and so coats of arms are back in vogue. They will be really in, next summer. Kenzo has designed a royal crown. Cerruti has an emblem. Hermes (a capital H) Hechter (CHYC) and Castelbajac (JCC and a crown), everyone is jumping on the bandwagon with emblems and pseudo-coats of arms. If you actually have a real coat of arms of your own, now is the time to have it embroidered on a crewneck t-shirt worn under your suit.

Kenzo brings a touch of exoticism to menswear in this year, with t-shirts covered in hydrangeas and pirate pants. Romanticism comes from Lagerfeld with loosely tied bows and straw hats.

Hats are also back with Lanvin who has opted for Spanish style with Andalusian frills and hats.

Fashion also means fun and laughter. It means serious work, but also the art of not taking oneself seriously. An art illustrated by Jean-Paul Gaultier, the unruly hero of ready-to-wear fashions. His fashion-show at the Olympia auditorium was full of bursting, like for an opening night, for his parody of the Western with all the possible deliriousness on the theme of cowboys and Indians, the goodies and the baddies, with hints of Tarzan and Michael Jackson.

Whether it be for men's or women's fashions, Paris designers are as inventive as ever. Last year, their creations were particularly successful. Dressed by them, men were as beautiful "as trucks," to take up an expression very much in vogue in France at the moment.

Homing pigeons: an art, science and sport

By Camille Herisson

PIGEON-FANCIERS are going through a hard time: homing-pigeons are losing their famous sense of direction. The violent solar eruption of last spring has perturbed the surrounding magnetic field by bombarding it with electric waves. And, as a result, the pigeons' "compass" has gone out of order, so they are taking much longer to return to their nests. They take erratic routes, lose their way and become exhausted trying to find the right direction.

The organisers of competitions hope that the atmospheric perturbations will have subsided in time for the next pigeon Olympics (the big annual event) which is to be held in Poland.

Pigeon-fancying began the day Noah, in his ark, released a dove which came back to him carrying a twig in its beak. Since then, all the peoples in the world have used the birds' marvellous faculty for returning home, sometimes covering hundreds of kilometres at a speed of 80-100 kilometres per hour.

In the reign of King Solomon, they carried orders throughout the empire. Released from ships sailing towards harbours, they announced the return of the sailors.

Those at Olympia revealed the winners at games, to the Greeks. In Rome, they brought news from distant provinces. The Egyptians used them for the post and the Crusaders popularised their use when they returned from the Holy Land. They had seen the Muslims use them and when a pigeon fell into his hands, Godefroy de Bouillon learned his enemy's secret and won a victory.

Reckless

Pirates used them for their own reckless doings. A boat would go and reconnoitre a ship representing a possible booty. It would then release a pigeon which would return to the dovecote on the pirate-ship with a message saying whether it was worthwhile boarding the ship for the coveted prey.

Pigeons have accomplished historic missions. One of them enabled Marie-Antoinette to correspond with the outside of her prison in the Temple. Another pigeon, the "Vallant", who was the hero of the Fort de Vaux in the First World War, was cited for the Order of the Nation. The only means of communications for those defending the fort, it transmitted the last information received from Cap-

Since biblical times, the marvellous faculty of pigeons for returning home has been used worldwide, but atmospheric changes and technology seem to have upset the birds' "compass" attracting fewer enthusiasts than in the past.



A pigeon-fancier attaches a message to the bird.

tain Raynal. It was poisoned by gas and arrived, dying, at the dovecote." In Lille, a war memorial was built for combatant carrier-pigeons.

In the 1939-45 war, in spite of the development of the means of transmitting messages, these auxiliaries were called upon again. Churchill only trusted his army pigeons for secret messages and agents parachuted into occupied territories took a couple with them. The pigeon remains a very reliable messenger. It can go where aircraft cannot and marksmen know that it is not easy to shoot when it flies a thousand metres up in the sky. So, in all countries, soldiers still keep dovecotes.

In the age of the jet and the TGV (French high-speed train), pigeons prove that they can still be very effective in certain cases. Thus, on the Ile d'Yeu, an island in the Atlantic, pigeons are used for carrying mini test-tubes of samples, tied under them, to medical analysis laboratories on the mainland.

Pigeon-fancying as a sport (that is training birds for competition) began in the 19th century in mining regions. It was as if the miners, as a kind of compensation, after spending their hours of work in the dark, felt this strong need for the blue of the sky. Belgium has the highest number of pigeon-fanciers (100,000), followed by Germany, and then France (30,000).

But there is little hope of turning our city-pigeons into flying athletes. Real racing-pigeons are the result of clever cross-breeding. They are made, just like thoroughbreds, are made. Some of them, trained by breeders whose methods and secrets amount to a science, are worth between 10,000 and 50,000 francs.

Many pigeon-fanciers come from a modest background, but certain wealthy ones maintain big dovecotes with veterinarians, minders and valets. And in competitions, big bets are laid on winged Carl Lewises, and Ben Johnsons.

Intelligent

The homing-pigeon, which is intelligent, energetic and tough, has a prodigious memory. After being away for several years, it is still able to recognise its home. But its famous sense of direction remains partly a mystery. Many hypotheses have been put forward. Are the eyes responsible for these feats? (A blindfolded pigeon panics and falls to the ground). Or is it guided by magnetism alone? (Particles of magnetite, which acts as magnets, have been found in the pigeon's brain). Does it find its direction by the sun in the day and the stars at night? Today, it seems to have been established that the racing-pigeon uses all these means, plus a few others. It appears to have a more developed navigation system than modern-day aircraft. A marvel of nature!

To "motivate" a pigeon to return home, different methods are used. Either "natural play," or "modern play" or "widowhood", methods which carry the bird's attachment to his nest, his brood and his female, to paroxysm. It is painstaking work requiring patience, observation and psychology.

In the case of "widowhood", the bird is separated from its mate by a grating, so that they can see each other and desire one another. From time to time the two lovers are united and allowed to kiss, but no further. Then they are separated once more. After a week of this regime, the highly excited sutor is ready for the trip. He will exert himself to the utmost to return to his mate whom he desires passionately. According to its physical qualities, it will be placed in a race for speed (up to 200 kilometres), middle-distance (450 kilometres), long-distance (700 kilometres) or a marathon (up to 1,200 kilometres).

But, although the tradition of pigeon-fancying is still alive and well, it is far from being what it used to be. In the past, there were many dovecotes around the big cities. Today they are falling beneath the demolition men's bulldozers. And then, the sky is cluttered with aircraft, electronic cables and air-radar which also upset the birds' sense of direction. Gradually, pigeon-fanciers are becoming less numerous. And that is a pity.

McCartney dampens hopes on Beatles' revival

By Leslie Shepherd

LONDON, (AP): The Beatles will never be revived because it would be too difficult to replace the late John Lennon, ex-Beatle Paul McCartney said.

"It would be too difficult," McCartney said during a live phone-in radio programme on the British Broadcasting Corp.'s Russian service.

"George (Harrison), Ringo (Starr) and me could play together and stuff, but to find a replacement for John is impossible really because there is no one like him. It's impossible really."

Lennon was slain in New York in December 1980. McCartney fielded calls for 55 minutes from all parts of the Soviet Union, and played recordings of several of his hits, including a new album produced exclusively for distribution in the Soviet Union.

After the strains of *Back In The USSR* had faded, the 46-year-old singer said it was about time he went to the Soviet Union to perform one of the Beatles' most popular hits.

The Beatles were not permitted to perform in the Soviet Union when Beatlemania swept the West in the 1960s, but their records were smuggled in and



Paul McCartney: his well-publicised quarrels with Lennon were sparked by business differences

became popular among young people.

"Other people go to Russia and they sing *Back In The USSR*," McCartney told 12-year-old Andrei Borkovsky from Frunze in the central Soviet Union. "I think it's about time I went and sang it."

McCartney said there were no

firm plans to make the trip because he is putting together a new band that will need time to rehearse and learn new songs.

Barred

"I am hoping to go out on tour this year," he said. "If that transpires, then I'd love to come to Russia. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time."

McCartney said being barred from the Soviet Union didn't turn the Beatles against the Soviet people.

"We'd always heard the young people were buying our records and were interested in the music we made, so that always made me very optimistic about the relations between our countries," he said. "It didn't put us off Russians. We love you — madly."

McCartney said there were still one or two Beatles songs that have never been released.

"Not many, because we were very careful actually to finish up everything we did and not leave stuff lying around," he said. "There's a good one that John sings, 'Leave My Kitten Alone' which hasn't been released yet."

McCartney said his well-publicised quarrels with Lennon were sparked by business differences.

"As far as music and stuff, we always got on great. As far as anything personal, we always were great friends," McCartney said.

He said his family — his wife Linda and their four children — was the most important thing in his life, and he attributed the success of his 20-year marriage to luck and common interests, including music and vegetarianism.

UK villagers clash with Hare Krishna sect

By Juliet Towhidi

LETCHEMORE Heath, England, (Reuters): When ex-Beatle George Harrison donated an English country manor to the Hare Krishna sect 16 years ago it seemed the perfect setting for a spiritual refuge.

Orange and white-clad devotees moved in, changed the dining room into a temple and filled the oak-paneled corridors with the perfume of incense and the sound of low chanting.

The 100-year-old mansion is now said to be one of the most popular Hindu temples in Europe — but it has also become the centre of a struggle between the sect which is fighting to save the temple and local residents who say the traditional life of their English village is threatened.

The residents are furious at the numbers who flock through the village on weekends and Hindu festival days, and the local council is trying to close the temple down.

The council says Bhaktivedanta manor, set in 17 acres (seven hectares) of lush parkland on the fringes of Letchemore Heath village in southeast England, can be used as a training centre for 50 priests, but not as a place of public worship.

The Hare Krishnas, a sect of Hinduism who worship the god Krishna, have won many Western converts since the 1960s. They say their temples are open to all Hindus.

"The temple is among the most popular in Europe, no Hindu would like it to be abolished, whether they worship Kri-

shna or not," said Madhoo Krishna, executive director of the Institute of Indian Culture.

Tansukh Shingdia, secretary for the National Council of Hindu Temples, backed this view. "People come to the manor out of their own free will, to worship and receive instruction. We cannot tell the sun not to come out," he said.

The Krishnas who live at the manor, a mixture of Asians and Europeans, have fought hard to save their temple, focusing a worldwide publicity campaign on the quiet village and its 300 inhabitants.

Petitions

Some 1,000 petitions have already been sent to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Martin Fleming, president of the manor, thinks the high-profile campaign is vital. "We're providing a much-needed service for a minority religion. Basically we're being persecuted because we're too popular."

On a typical Sunday Hindu families visit the manor to worship at the intricately decorated shrine.

Upstairs Bhogini Das, or Carol, a young English woman, runs a sewing room where glittering fabrics tumble from cupboards and every surface is

"We all feel this is highly unsuitable location for a place of public worship."

Relations were amicable enough until 1984, when three followers of the sect bought properties in the village and two Hindu women took over the village shop.

"We felt like a village under siege," Bartlett said. "It was the beginning of the takeover. Suddenly the village shop had a garish green sign up outside saying Krishna's. People coming here thought it was a Krishna village."

The sect says villagers were terrified that house prices would plummet if Hindus moved into the area.

In 1987 an enforcement notice was issued to close the temple, leading to a public enquiry last December. If the ruling, to be decided by an environment secretary Nicholas Ridley, goes against the Krishnas they could lose their temple.

"The Hindu community would erupt in anger," said Frank Ward, a local councillor who has adopted the Krishna's cause.

In March 1988 Ward toured India for three weeks to gather support for the campaign, ending his visit at a Hindu conference in Kathmandu where a petition signed by 1,200 delegates from 40 countries was sent to the British government asking it to save the temple.

Ward, a Roman Catholic given the name Arjuna Das in recognition of his help to the sect, says he will see the matter through to the European court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

DIAGNOSIS MAY NOT BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN

QUESTION: A neighbour, living in the same building as we do, has been diagnosed as having cirrhosis. Many of his friends and acquaintances who spent a great deal of time in his company feel that they should be doing something to protect themselves against this disease. Would you explain the causes of cirrhosis and what means of protection are available?

ANSWER: The liver is the largest organ in our body, averaging about 3 1/2 pounds, as big as a large melon. It is literally a chemical factory, responsible for manufacturing hundreds of enzymes necessary for our body functions, and detoxifying many poisons and drugs that enter the blood stream, including alcohol.

The term "cirrhosis" is used when changes occur in the structure of the liver, as the result of any one of a number of chronic diseases. Normal tissue is destroyed and replaced by scar tissue, which diminishes the ability of the organ to function properly, impeding the circulation of the blood through the liver, and reducing its detoxifying powers.

Cirrhosis is a common disease, ranking

fourth as a cause of death among American adults. Its cause is most varied, from a reaction to prolonged exposure to environmental toxins to parasitic infections. The most common cause is chronic alcoholism; it's the one that comes first to mind when diagnosing this disease in a patient.

In this is the cause in your neighbour you would have no need for anxiety. However, several types of viral infections may cause hepatitis, resulting in the cirrhotic condition. Since this process takes some time, and your friend has already developed cirrhosis, it is doubtful that you have anything to fear. You're probably thinking of the gamma globulin injections that are given to protect close relatives of a hepatitis victim from the disease, but only individuals in intimate or daily contact with the patient need such protection. I would advise an inquiry to your friend's physician, to obtain the information you need to calm your fears.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: More than 2.5 million people suffer with Alzheimer's Disease. Because this disease robs its victims of their memories and associative powers, wandering is a com-

mon problem. All of a sudden the daily walk to the store is strange; nothing looks familiar. The Alzheimer's victim is lost, and people who might help are unaware of the patient's illness and confusion.

When a wandering episode led to the death of Charlie Januzzo of Lowell, Mass., in January 1987, his wife and Dr. Susan Black, a family physician and president of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians, developed the Alzheimer's Identification Patch, which can identify the afflicted patient. You may obtain an information packet that describes the patch in detail, as well as two other booklets "Caring at Home" and "When the Diagnosis Is Alzheimer's," and an information sheet that explains the patch's development.

All in all it's a pretty impressive offering, and it's yours without charge. Send your request, along with a stamped, self-addressed, business envelope to Greater Lowell Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 9028, Lowell, Mass. 01853. You may save a loved one's life.

1989 TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES, INC.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Egypt to have more talks with IMF on economic reforms

CAIRO, Feb. 6, (Reuters): Egypt will hold another round of talks next month with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on an economic reform programme. Prime Minister Ataf Sedki said today.

Negotiations with a joint team from the IMF and the World Bank ended on Friday without the agreement needed by Egypt to allow rescheduling of about \$4 billion of debt due between last July and next December.

The Middle East News Agency quoted Sedki as saying the talks were "positive". He gave no details but said another joint delegation from the IMF and World Bank was expected in March.

Debt
Egypt, burdened by a \$43-billion foreign debt, differs with the IMF on the pace of suggested reforms such as price hikes and an end to state subsidies on basic supplies. It fears they might lead to social troubles.

The IMF also wants Cairo to raise domestic interest rates to increase savings. Egyptian officials have said they are considering a small increase of about two per cent. The maximum interest rate on deposits is currently 13 per cent.

Mexico rebuffs \$3.5b US loan

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 6, (AP): Mexico will not activate a \$3.5 billion short-term loan the United States offered in October. The Treasury Department said in an announcement that signalled growing tension between the two neighbours.

The Treasury Department said Mexico doesn't need the loan because international reserves in the Bank of Mexico stopped declining in December.

The statement gave no details. But published reports have said the loan, the largest the United States ever offered to a debt-burdened nation, had become a sore point between the United States and Mexico.

The United States never released the report, but the Mexican government reached the agreement with the International Monetary Fund that the United States had set as a condition for the money. Mexico would have repaid the \$3.5 billion with IMF money.

Negotiations
When the loan was announced in October, Mexican officials indicated an unwillingness to undertake negotiations with the IMF. The IMF often insists on domestic financial austerity measures that are politically unpopular.

The loan was aimed at helping Mexico avoid economic and political turmoil during the sensitive months between the July 6 presidential election and the Dec 1 inauguration of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Pepsi-Cola signs ad pact with Madonna

PEPSI-COLA company announced it has signed a worldwide sponsorship and advertising agreement with Madonna, one of the world's most dynamic and multifaceted entertainers.

The company said a major ad campaign with the performer will break globally next month.

The one-year deal calls for the singer/actress to appear in a series of Pepsi-Cola commercials, including a long-form ad in which the title song from her upcoming album "Like a Prayer," will be heard for the first time. That spot will debut in early March through an unprecedented world-wide prime-time media buy.

Concert
Pepsi also announced it will sponsor Madonna's world concert tour, scheduled to kick off later this year. Details of the tour will be announced later.

"From the United States to Europe to the Far East, Madonna is instantly recognised and has tremendous consumer appeal," said Roger Enrico, president and chief executive officer of Pepsi Co.-Worldwide Beverages. "Once again, we're centring our global marketing campaign on the international language of music by uniting a world-class entertainer with Pepsi."

Non-OPEC urged to co-operate with OPEC

Iran ships oil to Europe to boost sales

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb. 6, (Agencies): Iran last month shipped an estimated 930,000 barrels of oil a day to Western Europe in a fleet of tankers in a major sales drive to secure badly needed revenues. The Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The respected oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia, said that an estimated 28.75 million barrels were loaded at the big Kharg island terminal in the northern Gulf Jan. 1-26.

Earnings
Much of that oil was still at sea aboard 17 supertankers chartered or owned by the state-owned National Iranian Oil Co. and "has not yet been sold," the weekly said.

The Iranians badly need to maximize their oil earnings to help pay for their massive post-war reconstruction programme following the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iraq.

Tumbling oil prices last year reduced their revenue to an estimated \$6 billion, about one-third of the level before the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The Middle East Economic

Survey said the Iranians were offering discounts to European customers, including Shell and other major companies, in hopes of undercutting other producers.

The weekly said the NIOC has been offering its light oil at 65-70 cents below the benchmark of around \$16.50 a barrel for North Sea Brent and its heavy oil for \$1.15-1.20 below the Brent price.

But the survey noted that so far the Iranians have not been able to secure any agreement with European buyers.

Iran began shipping "homeless crude" to sell to anyone who would buy it in November 1987, while its oil installations and tankers were under constant attack by Iraq's Air Force.

The survey said that Iran exported an average of 2.1-2.2 million barrels a day through Kharg in January. The terminal, heavily bombed during the war, has been largely repaired since the ceasefire.

The weekly noted that the exports included some 300,000 barrels a day sent abroad to be refined and returned for domestic consumption.

Iran's refineries were also severely damaged in Iraqi air raids, forcing it to ship crude abroad for refining.

Higher
The Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported yesterday that Iran was producing an estimated 2.7 million barrels a day, slightly higher than the new Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota of 2.64 million barrels a day that took effect on Jan. 1.

It noted that Iran was one of five OPEC members who were violating the quota system by overproducing. OPEC's overall quota is 18.5 million barrels a day.

The Petroleum Intelligence Weekly noted that overall OPEC output last month was 19.7 million barrels daily, with the United Arab Emirates the main offender by producing a more than 500,000-barrel a day more than its 988,000-barrel ceiling.

Iran's overproduction, it said, "could have important ramifications" because some OPEC circles had expected Iranian output to be 2.5 million barrels a day.

"thereby offsetting the impact of UAE excesses."

In another development Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi has asked non-OPEC oil producing countries to co-operate with OPEC in order to stabilise the world oil market.

Referring to Norway's current production and its earlier pledge to reduce output by 7.5 per cent, the minister urged the Scandinavian state to reconsider its stance and put an effective halt to its increasing production, which he added was 43 per cent higher than in 1988.

In an interview published in Kuwait yesterday by the daily Al Sayassah, Al Chalabi praised OPEC's November agreement which fixed overall production at 18.5 million BPD.

Speaking about Iraq's oil export outlets, the minister noted that under the new plan these would comprise three main routes: two to three million BPD through Iraqi ports on the Gulf, 1.65 million BPD via the trans-Saudi pipeline to the Saudi Red Sea port of Yanbu and 1.60

million BPD via pipeline through Turkey.

He said Iraq's total oil export capacity ranged between five and six million BPD, adding that the completion of the second stage of the Iraqi pipeline through Saudi Arabia would be on schedule in September this year.

He confirmed that the Iraqi pipeline to Syria had been finally excluded from Iraq's calculations and programmes.

Asked if Iraq would be pumping more to finance its post-war reconstruction, the minister said Iraq had tried to maximize financial returns from non-oil exports rather than through an increase in the volume of crude exports.

Prices
He underlined the need to stabilise the world oil market and secure reasonable prices for both oil producers and oil consumers.

Al Chalabi said that Iraq's proven crude reserves stood at 100 billion barrels at the end of 1987, adding that they had been boosted by recent discoveries such as the southern Majnoon oilfield estimated to contain seven billion barrels.

Hawke's India visit to boost bilateral economic relations

SYDNEY, Feb. 6, (Bilateral trade and economic issues are likely to dominate the talks to be held between Rajiv Gandhi and the Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, when the Australian leader arrives in New Delhi on Feb. 9 on his first official visit to India. Accompanied by a number of important representatives of the Australian business community, Hawke will visit South Korea, Thailand and Pakistan before he lands in New Delhi, according to the Economic Times.

Talking to a small group of visiting Indian journalists, the Australian prime minister said he was visiting India to renew a very warm personal relationship with Rajiv and to advance the bilateral relationship between the two countries in the economic sphere and other areas including scientific and cultural exchange.

Changes
In addition, said Hawke, he will also use this opportunity to discuss with the Indian prime minister the rather rapid changes in the region and at the global level and to share his own assessments with Rajiv of the peace and impact of those changes.

Admitting that the expectations of rapid growth in bilateral trade aroused by Rajiv's visit to Australia had not fully material-

ised, Hawke stated that the major obstacle to increasing trade was a lack of awareness and understanding of each other's needs and capabilities.

When pointed out that it appears that Australia was mainly interested in tapping the growing Indian market and that the rising trade imbalance against India was causing great concern in New Delhi, Hawke stated that trade cannot be one-sided. It has to be a two-way affair.

Co-operation
While as the prime minister he had to maximise the opportunities for Australian business enterprises through trade and co-operation, Hawke said: "We will do everything we can to open up opportunities for Indian business in Australia."

At the same time, Hawke hoped that the Indian government and business will realise that in the last few years Australia had developed significant capabilities in areas which were crucial to India's next stage of development.

In the areas of telecom, mining engineering, power generation and all kinds of infrastructure development in general, Hawke claimed that Australia had the capacity as good as any other country and, particularly, in agro-industry, it had a unique

capability to meet India's needs.

Hawke hoped that the Indian prime minister will join him in telling their respective peoples that the two countries had the needs and capabilities that complement each other and that his visit will be utilised to "accelerate the economic relationship."

When asked to outline specific measures that his government would take to promote Indian exports in his country, Hawke stated that they will make available to India all the facilities and expertise available with government departments and organisations under the umbrella of Australia — the Australian agency that promotes trade.

Hawke offered all the facilities that can help identify areas of Australian imports which offer opportunities to Indian producers and then assist.

While refusing to divulge the details, Hawke admitted that an Australian-Dutch consortium had made a bid for a \$2 billion contract for constructing a new Indian naval base at Goa. The bid will be backed by a financial support package that is as competitive that any country can offer, said Hawke. The Australian Prime Minister stated that he would discuss the contract with Rajiv. Hawke was confident that the consortium will bag the contract.

Sino-Soviet trade ties seen booming

BEIJING, Feb. 6, (Reuters): Trade and economic ties between China and the Soviet Union will boom after their first summit meeting in 30 years, newspapers and trade sources said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was in Beijing on Wednesday to prepare for a visit to China by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, widely expected by May.

The Economic Information Daily said yesterday the Soviet Far East's trade would double and diversify in the next 10 years, with China, Japan and North Korea, as the main markets.

Projects
Future Soviet projects would include joint ventures and technical co-operation, such as two hydro-electric power stations in Heilongjiang, China's most northerly province, that will supply energy to both China and the Soviet Union.

The newspaper predicted that by the year 2000 the Soviet Far East would more than double current oil output, mine 80 per cent more coal and produce more timber and finished goods.

China already imports Soviet pulp, fertiliser, iron, steel and vehicles and in exchange exports meat, fruit, corn, soybeans, textiles and consumer products.

In winter, trucks trundle across frozen rivers dividing

North China and the Soviet Union while in Western China work is underway on a desert rail link.

Fierce clashes erupted along the China-Soviet border in the 1960s but now people can cross over and visit some of the frontier towns on one-day guided tours.

Latest customs figures show China's trade with the Soviet Union in the first three quarters of 1988 at \$2 billion, at least 23 per cent more than a year earlier.

The China Daily reported that the rapprochement between the two countries had "created the necessary environment" for improved trade and economic ties.

"It is politics, not economics that has held back trade and business ties," one East European source said. "After the summit, they will boom."

He said the two economies were complementary, with the Soviet Union able to provide oil, gas, coal, timber and help in building railways and power stations in exchange for consumer goods, food and labour.

Trade with the Soviet Union, as with other communist countries, is done on a barter basis, not hard currency.

The Soviet Union was China's top economic partner in the first decade after the communist state was set up in 1949.

SABIC's profits surge

King Fahd opens new factories in Saudi industrial cities

JUBAIL, Feb. 6, (OPECNA): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia inaugurated last week new factories and expansion facilities in the twin industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu.

The Saudi leader said he was pleased to note the industrial expansion made in terms of quantity and quality since his last visit to the region two years ago.

King Fahd also expressed the hope that Saudi industrial product exports to various parts of the world would increase.

King Fahd added that "fortunately, we managed to achieve self-sufficiency in agricultural products and started to export the surplus as well," adding that the kingdom had also become self-sufficient in many products whose import used to be worth billions of dollars. In fact, some of these items were now being exported by the country.

The new units and expansion facilities which King Fahd inaugurated are part of the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokema), the Jubail Petrochemical Company (Kemaya), the Saudi Petrochemical Company (Ibn Zuhri) and Petromin's Oil Mixing Factory and Lubricant Plant (Petrolub).

King Fahd also inaugurated the new chemical fertilizers factory set up by the Saudi National Company for Chemical Fertilizers.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), which is playing a significant role in the kingdom's industrial development, has turned into a major producer and world-wide marketer of high quality petrochemicals, fertilizers and metals, according to a report.

SABIC, set up in 1976, has so far established and developed 15 major capital and energy-intensive industrial complexes with the participation of the Saudi private sector and a number of international companies.

The corporation, with 20 per cent of shares in the Gulf Aluminium Rolling Company, one-third of the Gulf Petrochemical Industry Company and 25 per cent of the Bahrain-Saudi Aluminium Marketing Company, is also serving, in the words of the report, as a vital bridge for the transfer of advanced technology to Saudi Arabia and is helping train Saudi citizens to manage, operate and maintain the kingdom's rapidly expanding industrial base.

SABIC companies convert natural gas and petroleum gas liquids, mainly ethane and methane, into value-added basic

petrochemicals, which are used as feedstocks for a growing number of local industries and for export.

SABIC fertilizers have contributed to the kingdom's bid for agricultural self-sufficiency and are export-oriented, while its steel production has been a vital factor in the development of the Saudi infrastructure.

SABIC companies include: the Saudi Methanol Company (Al-Raz), the National Methanol Company (Ibn Sina), the Saudi Petrochemical Company (Sada), the Jubail Petrochemical Company (Kemaya), the Yanbu Petrochemical Company (Yanpet), the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokema), the Eastern Petrochemical Company (Sharq), the National Industrial Gases Company (Gas), the National Plastics Company (Ibn

Hayyan), and the Saudi-European Petrochemical Company (Ibn Zahra).

The development of SABIC's agro-chemical fertiliser industries has been an important factor in Saudi Arabia's emergence from subsistence-level farming to being close to agricultural self-sufficiency.

Prize-winners in the Free Wrestling Competition held at the Al Arabi Sports Club hall between Jan 16-22, 1989.

List of winners in the lucky draw competition — Al Gharb Trading Center

No. of Prize	Type of prize	Ticket No.	Winners	Reserve
1	Corolla car 1988 Lift Back	526	Yellow	2036 White
2	Refrigerator True T-35	1882	White	124 White
3	Telefunken TV SN 28TT	2020	White	546 Yellow
4	Lowes TV ERTS 24	125	Yellow	675 White
5	Furnal TV VT 13 R	331	Yellow	552 White
6	Gold Master TV 3720	502	White	658 White
7	Gold Master TV 3720	646	Yellow	504 White
8	Gold Master TV 3720	2037	White	509 White
9	Gold Master TV 3720	126	Yellow	609 Yellow
10	Gold Master TV 3720	544	White	353 Yellow
11	Gold Master TV 3714	1896	White	682 White
12	Gold Master TV 3714	2095	White	574 Yellow
13	Gold Master TV 3714	571	White	425 White
14	Gold Master TV 3714	1827	White	114 Yellow
15	Gold Master TV 3714	511	Yellow	232 Yellow
16	Three Gorges Washing Machine	674	White	355 Yellow
17	Three Gorges Washing Machine	361	Yellow	1809 White

N.B.: Holders of the winning tickets should contact the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Block 2, Second Floor, office 2242, within a period of one month from this date to obtain the letters of their prizes. Those who fail to obtain the letter within this period, will lose their rights to the prizes. Reserve tickets will then be provided a period of two weeks to do the same and the prize will be dropped if both persons fail to call within the prescribed period.

SAS
Kuwait Hotel

JAPANESE SALES MANAGER

JAPANESE SALES REPRESENTATIVE

- Male or Female
- Part-time or full time

Will find challenging and rewarding opportunities in our Sales Department.

Contact our Personnel Department on:
5657000 Ext 409/410

UK-BASED INVESTMENTS FROM KUWAIT

UK Expatriate Consultancy Services (Cyprus) Ltd are pleased to announce the expansion of their personal investment services into Kuwait. Managing Director, Ray Baldwin, and his team of consultants will arrive on Sunday, 5th February, for 1 month's stay. They will be holding investment seminars at their hotel during their stay. For your personal invitation, please telephone, fax or telex their office in the UK, or their hotel after 5th February. UK Office: Telephone 0252 343131, Fax 0252 333600, Telex 858893 FLETEL G. or Kuwait Meridian Hotel: Telephone 2455550, Telex 44458.

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)		LONDON (Beta Stocks)	
NAME	LAST	NAME	CLOSE
ABBEY LFE	319.0	2ND ALLCE	850.0
ADT LTD	134.0	600 GROUP	129.0
ALD LYONS	474.0	A.AMER TS	416.0
AMSTRAD	169.0	A.B.ELECT	429.0
ARGYLE GP	192.0	A.S.W.HLD	225.0
ASDA GP	152.0	AAB KENT	89.0
BAA	301.0	AAH HLD	327.0
BTR	342.0	AARONSON	130.0
BAT INDS	547.0	ADDISON	31.4
BARCLAYS	456.0	ADVEST	169.0
BASS	921.0	ALEX WRK	178.0
BEAZER	214.0	ALEXON	354.0
BEECHAM	553.0	ALLD COLL	131.4
BERSFORD	419.0	ALLD IR B	264.0
BICC PLC	441.0	ALLD LON	147.0
BLUE ARW	86.0	ALLD PLT	69.0
BLUE CIRC	488.0	ALLIANCE	970.0
BOC GP	483.5	AMER DRY	50.0
BOOTS CO	253.0	AMEC	410.0
BPB INDS	250.0	AMER TST	132.4
BR COMH	234.0	AMERHSH	510.0
BR AIRWAY	193.0	AMH HLTIC	304.0
BR AEROSP	522.5	ANGLIA TV	205.0
BR GAS RG	82.81	ANSSCHER	78.0
BR LAND	364.0	APPLETAY	430.0
B.P.	272.0	APV PLC	154.0
B.P.PP	168.0	ASPLEY.LA	119.0
BR STEEL	76.42	AUS REE A	241.0
BR TELCOM	279.0	AUS REE B	241.0
BURMAN OL	543.0	AUTO SECS	258.0
BURTON	202.0	AUTO PLC	99.4
CABLENTR	432.0	AVECO	132.0
CADBURYS	416.0	AVIS EUR	372.0
CALOR GRP	785.0	AVON RUBB	647.0
CRITH T	78.0	B.WELMILL	230.0
COOKSON	315.0	BAILL JAP	525.0
COURTAULD	309.0	BAILL SHI	94.0
DALGETY	354.0	BATRO (V)	254.0
DIXONS	161.0	BANK REI	255.0
ENG CHINA	499.0	BANKER IT	150.0
ENTER OIL	534.0	BARDON GP	150.0
FBI BARCK	46.85	BARRAT DEV	197.0
FERRANTI	106.0	BAYNES C	28.0
FISONS	63.00	BBA GROUP	185.0
GATEWAY	179.4	BEAR BND	2.6
GEN ALLOC	980.0	BEATIE J	159.0
GEN ELEC	219.0	BEJAN GP	193.0
GLAXO	247.0	BELHAVEN	49.4
GRANADA	377.0	BELLWAY	247.0
GLOBE	164.0	BENLOX HD	61.0
GLYNED	318.0	BERKELEY	216.0
GUARD RYL	208.5	BH GROUP	108.0
GUN	353.0	BK OF SCO	101.0
GUINNESS	387.0	BLCK L2	11.4
HANSON	823.0	BLOCK GP	413.0
HARRISON	177.5	BNETT +F	126.0
HAWK SID	637.0	BOASE MAS	231.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	BOODINGTH	186.0
ICI	188.4	BODY SHOP	576.0

World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1668.2	1689.0	1667.8	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1151.3	1151.3	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1067.88	1067.88	1053.04	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.92	88.92	88.67	87.03
FT GOLD NM	166.9	166.9	167.1	161.9
FT MINES F	669.38	669.38	662.81	565.31
FT OIL	1952.6	1952.6	1936.4	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	144.24	144.08	143.60	139.21
FT WLD STG	122.80	121.99	121.35	115.30
FT WLD LOC	130.53	130.01	129.72	123.40

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES TRACK WALL STREET LOWER, SLUGGISH TRADE

LONDON, FEB 6, REUTER - SHARES WERE TRACKING WALL STREET LOWER IN FAIRLY SLUGGISH AFTERNOON BUSINESS, HAVING DRIFTED FOR MUCH OF THE AFTERNOON AS PROFIT-TAKERS THINNED OUT SOME OF THE GAINS MADE IN THE RECENT STRONG RALLY. DEALERS SAID.

AN UPWARD REVISION IN U.K. DECEMBER RETAIL SALES TO A 0.3 PCT GAIN FROM THE 0.1 PCT FALL REPORTED EARLIER UNSETTLED A MARKET THAT HAD BEEN SHOWING SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIGHER INTEREST RATES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

BY 1557 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 25.1 POINTS TO ITS LOW POINT ON THE DAY OF 2,044.8.

DEALERS SAID THE FIRMER DOLLAR HELPED EXPORTERS' SHARES RISE EARLY TODAY, HOWEVER, THE SHARES FELL BACK AS THE LONDON MARKET SOFTENED IN TANDEN WITH A DECLINING WALL STREET. THE DOLLAR HAS BEEN RISING ON EXPECTATIONS U.S. INTEREST RATES WILL RISE.

UP UNTIL TODAY'S FINAL DECISION U.K. RETAIL SALES FIGURE, THE MARKET HAD SEEN A SERIES OF ECONOMIC FIGURES SHOWING THAT BRITAIN'S POLICY OF HIGH INTEREST RATES WAS DEPRESSING CONSUMER DEMAND AND IN TURN TAKING UPWARD PRESSURE OFF INTEREST RATES.

THE RETAIL SALES FIGURE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY U.K. CREDIT FIGURES FOR DECEMBER SHOWING NEW CONSUMER CREDIT IN DECEMBER WAS BELOW THE NOVEMBER 1988 LEVEL BUT ABOVE DECEMBER 1987.

Precious Metals

LONDON, FEB 6, REUTER - GOLD BULLION MANAGED TO CLOSE SLIGHTLY FIRMER, AFTER A MID-AFTERNOON SELL-OFF DROVE THE METAL TO ITS LOWEST SINCE NOVEMBER 1986.

GOLD CLOSED AT 389.00/389.50 DLR AN OUNCE, COMPARED TO FRIDAY'S CLOSING 388.00/388.50, AND A 26 MONTH LOW TODAY OF 385.50/386.00.

DEALERS SAID THE STRONG DOLLAR KEPT THE PRESSURE ON GOLD, ALTHOUGH CENTRAL BANK SALES DID RESTRAIN THE DOLLAR'S ADVANCE DURING THE AFTERNOON. THEY NOTED STOP-LOSS SELLING ON NEW YORK COMEX GOLD FUTURES ONCE GOLD SLID BELOW 387.00 DLR, BUT IT BOUNCED BACK FROM CHART SUPPORT AROUND 385.00 DLR, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, FEB 6, REUTER - MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED MIXED AS THE MARKET'S SPIRITS SANK AFTER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SAID THAT REVISED U.K. RETAIL SALES VOLUME SHOWED A 0.3 PCT RISE IN DECEMBER WHEN A FALL HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

THE DATA CORRECTED A PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RETAIL SALES HAD PROVISIONALLY FALLEN 0.1 PCT IN DECEMBER, WHICH COMING AFTER A 0.6 PCT DECREASE IN NOVEMBER HAD POINTED TO A LONG-EXPECTED SLOWDOWN IN CONSUMER SPENDING.

"PERHAPS THE GOOD NEWS WASN'T SO GOOD AFTER ALL," ONE DEALER SAID. "ANY SCOPE FOR A SHORT-TERM CUT IN INTEREST RATES SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED."

Foreign Exchange				
DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.7290/00	1.8330/35	6.4000/10		
STG 1.7320	2.2633/70	11.1040/1155		
DMK 1.8813/8893	3.259/273	29.315/475		
FFR 6.412/424	11.096/114	33.9/340.5		
SFR 1.6027/6037	2.7727-7760	84.95-85.03		
HFL 2.1295	3.6850	112.89		
ECU 1.10644	0.639188	2.08663		
SDR 1.30614	0.748204	2.45528		
YEN 129.80/90	224.74			
SDR RATE	03/02/1989	OTHERS	06/02/1989	

NEW YORK		NEW YORK	
NAME	OPEN MID-DAY	NAME	OPEN MID-DAY
A.BSCH COM	33.7/33.6	ATLANTIC R	85.2/85.3
AAR CORP	27.0/26.6	ATLANTIC R	27.0/26.6
ABBOTT LAB	50.1/50.0	ATLANTIC R	50.1/50.0
ACME CLVD	0/10.3	ATLANTIC R	0/10.3
ADV MICRO	9.3/9.3	ATLANTIC R	9.3/9.3
AEROFL LAB	5.2/5.2	ATLANTIC R	5.2/5.2
AETNA LIFE	50.3/50.6	ATLANTIC R	50.3/50.6
ARMANSON	17.6/17.7	ATLANTIC R	17.6/17.7
ATR PR-CRM	46.3/46.4	ATLANTIC R	46.3/46.4
ALASKA AIR	22.2/22.5	ATLANTIC R	22.2/22.5
ALBERTSONS	43.0/43.0	ATLANTIC R	43.0/43.0
ALBMA 8-16	0/83.1	ATLANTIC R	0/83.1
ALCAN ALUM	35.1/35.1	ATLANTIC R	35.1/35.1
ALCO STAND	27.3/27.1	ATLANTIC R	27.3/27.1
AM CAP SEC	0/21.7	ATLANTIC R	0/21.7
AM CYANAMID	51.0/51.0	ATLANTIC R	51.0/51.0
AM FAMILY	14.7/14.6	ATLANTIC R	14.7/14.6
AM HOM PRO	87.2/87.2	ATLANTIC R	87.2/87.2
AM STODARD	0/77.7	ATLANTIC R	0/77.7
AM STORES	59.3/59.3	ATLANTIC R	59.3/59.3
AM TEL-TEL	32.0/32.0	ATLANTIC R	32.0/32.0
AMOCO CORP	77.2/77.0	ATLANTIC R	77.2/77.0
AMP INC	49.0/49.0	ATLANTIC R	49.0/49.0
AMPCO PITT	14.7/14.8	ATLANTIC R	14.7/14.8
AMR CORP	61.6/61.6	ATLANTIC R	61.6/61.6
AMR GEN CO	33.3/33.4	ATLANTIC R	33.3/33.4
AMERADA HE	32.6/32.6	ATLANTIC R	32.6/32.6
ANTHEM ELE	10.1/10.2	ATLANTIC R	10.1/10.2
APACHE CP	8.3/8.3	ATLANTIC R	8.3/8.3
APAC 8-12	83.2/84.0	ATLANTIC R	83.2/84.0
ARMSTRONG	34.6/34.6	ATLANTIC R	34.6/34.6
ASHLAND OIL	34.2/34.2	ATLANTIC R	34.2/34.2
ASIA PACIF	7.4/7.4	ATLANTIC R	7.4/7.4
ATLS CORP	25.6/25.4	ATLANTIC R	25.6/25.4
AVERY INT	23.7/24.0	ATLANTIC R	23.7/24.0
AVNET INC	22.3/22.4	ATLANTIC R	22.3/22.4
AVON PRODS	21.5/21.5	ATLANTIC R	21.5/21.5
BCE INC	31.2/31.2	ATLANTIC R	31.2/31.2
BELLSOUTH	41.7/41.7	ATLANTIC R	41.7/41.7
BELL CP A	25.7/26.2	ATLANTIC R	25.7/26.2
BETV STEEL	27.1/27.1	ATLANTIC R	27.1/27.1
BETH CO	7.1/7.1	ATLANTIC R	7.1/7.1
BK BOSTON	25.2/25.1	ATLANTIC R	25.2/25.1
BK BOSTN-A	0/40.3	ATLANTIC R	0/40.3
BK BOSTN-B	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-C	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-D	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-E	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-F	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-G	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-H	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-I	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-J	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-K	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-L	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-M	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-N	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-O	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-P	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-Q	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-R	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-S	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-T	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-U	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-V	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-W	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-X	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-Y	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4
BK BOSTN-Z	38.4/38.4	ATLANTIC R	38.4/38.4

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	235.8	244.1	248.5	307.0
AUSTRIA	246.2	245.5	245.8	215.4
BELGIUM	454.4	454.5	457.7	412.8
CANADA	398.1	397.3	395.4	356.1
DENMARK	540.3	538.3	538.8	464.5
FRANCE	477.3	474.9	469.2	396.1
GERMANY	209.3	207.9	204.9	156.6
HONG KONG	2329.8	2295.6	2295.8	1812.7
FINLAND	120.6	120.0	120.4	112.1
ITALY	452.5	453.5	463.4	377.4
JAPAN	1479.8	1472.3	1466.7	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	288.2	286.8	286.0	260.1
NEW ZEAL	97.4	96.5	95.0	93.9
NORWAY	657.1	659.2	659.2	483.0
SPAIN	243.3	244.4	243.3	250.5
SWEDEN	1171.9	1170.4	1164.7	960.4
SWITZ	176.9	176.3	177.2	163.6
U.K.	630.1	621.7	620.8	551.2
U.S.A.	271.0	273.8	274.5	250.6
WORLD	511.5	508.9	508.9	446.2
E.A.F.E.	976.3	971.5	968.3	832.0

Advertising in the Financial Pages?

For further details contact,
Arab Times Advertising Department 4816326/7.

NEW YORK		NEW YORK	
NAME	OPEN MID-DAY	NAME	OPEN MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	33/37	GEN DYNMCS	51/50
ATLANTIC R	85/2	GEN ELECT	47/7
AAR CORP	27/0	GEN HOST	9/4
ABBOTT LAB	50/1	GEN HOUSHR	0
ACME CLVD	0	GEN INSTR	30/7
ADV MICRO	9/3	GEN MILLS	55/7
AEROFL LAB	5/2	GEN MOTORS	89/4
AETNA LIFE	50/3	GEN SIGNAL	49/3
ARMANSON	17/6	GENCORP	16/7
AIR PR-CRM	46/3	GENETECH	18/4
ALASKA AIR	22/4	GENLINE PA	38/0
ALBERTSONS	43/0	GEO PUT-80	0
ALBMA 8-16	0	GEORGI-PAC	41/7
ALCAN ALUM	35/1	GIBR FI CL	1/0
ALCO STAND	27/3	GLOBAL MAR	*14
AM CAP SEC	0	GOLDEN NUB	17/1
AM CYANAMID	51/0	GOODRICH	53/4
AM FAMILY	14/7	GOODYEAR	51/0
AM HOM PRO	87/2	GRACE WR	27/4
AM STODARD	0	GRAINGER	59/6
AM STORES	59/3	GREYHOUND	30/7
AM TEL-TEL	32/0	GRUNWAM	20/1
AMOCO CORP	77/2	GULF RES-C	13/5
AMP INC	49/0	GULF-WESTN	42/4
AMPCO PITT	14/7	HALLIBURT	29/7
AMR CORP	61/6	HALLWOOD	15/3
AMR GEN CO	33/4	HANNA MIN	22/0
AMERADA HE	32/5	HARRIS CP	28/6
ANTHEM ELE	10/1	HARTNACK	25/4
APACHE CP	8/3	HEINZ NJ	47/0
APAC 8-12	83/2	HEL CURTIS	45/6
ARMSTRONG	34/6	HELM-PAYNE	22/5
ASHLAND OIL	34/2	HERCULES	47/2
ASIA PACIF	7/4	HEML-PACK	58/3
ATLS CORP	25/6	HExcel CP	33/3
AVERY INT	23/7	HILLENBRND	27/4
AVNET INC	22/3	HILLENBRND	33/3
AVON PRODS	21/2	HILTON HTLS	51/1
BCE INC	31/2	HITACHI	124/6
BELLSOUTH	41/7	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BELD CP A	25/7	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BETH STEEL	27/1	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BEVERLY	7/1	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTON	25/2	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-A	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-B	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-C	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-D	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-E	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-F	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-G	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-H	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-I	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-J	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-K	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-L	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-M	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-N	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-O	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-P	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-Q	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-R	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-S	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-T	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-U	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-V	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-W	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-X	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-Y	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-Z	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AA	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AC	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AD	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AE	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AF	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AG	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AH	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AI	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AJ	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AK	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AL	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AM	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AN	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AO	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AP	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AQ	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AR	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AS	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AT	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AU	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AV	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AW	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AX	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AY	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-AZ	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BA	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJSTKE MIN	13/1
BNK BOSTN-BB	0	HJ	

For further details
contact,
Arab Times Advertising
4816326/7

Gold prices drop

Banks in new bid to arrest dollar rally

LONDON, Feb 6, (Reuters): The US Canadian and West European central banks sold dollars today in concerted open market intervention to stop a speculative rally by the US currency.

Speculators were eager to snap up dollars on a bet that US interest rates would stay high to cool an inflationary boom in the US economy, offering a lucrative return on dollar assets.

But finance ministers of the Group of Seven nations, who met in Washington last week, had apparently renewed instructions to their central banks to intervene against the dollar.

A strong dollar pushes up import bills, and therefore inflation, outside the United States. Fear of the banks made dollar buyers wary today, and with good reason.

The dollar was actually below the day's highs, trading just under 1.8825, when the banks decided to hit the market.

It then dipped to trade just under 1.88 marks then began to creep up again.

The US Federal Reserve and Bank of Canada were joined by the West German, French, Swiss, British, Italian, Spanish and Belgian central banks. Some dealers

said the Dutch also sold. The action was the seventh concerted round of bank dollar sales this year. The dollar is up more than five per cent since the end of December.

Economists had expected the market and the banks to clash again as the market probes for what the G-7 — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — now think is a safe ceiling for the dollar.

Talks
Noting that no communiqué followed Friday's G-7 talks in Washington, Stephen Lewis, chief economist at London brokerage Philips and Drew, said: "Markets will conclude that a period of dollar strength will be tolerated by the G-7. They will probably be wrong. A major crash is shaping up around the 1.90 mark level."

Gold remained weak at \$387.90 an ounce in the London bullion market. Crude oil was a touch firmer with North Sea Brent blend, a world marker, quoted around \$16 a barrel.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond traded in London at 101-22/32 per cent yielding 8.84 per cent.

But Australian shares fell amid investor concern about new

economic figures, interest rates and soft metal prices. The All-Ordinaries index was 10.6 points down at 1501.4. Hong Kong was closed for Lunar New Year.

Shares in Paris were mixed but a shortage of stock helped Frankfurt to a 1.4 per cent gain.

Share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange jumped to a new record close today in spite of a steady US dollar, which stayed just below the 130 yen level.

Brokers said last-minute buying of financial and construction shares pushed up the 255-share Nikkei index by 142.97 points, or 0.45 per cent, to a new record closing high of 31,828.75. Volume was a moderate 1.3 billion shares.

"At the moment we want to forget about the yen/dollar rate," said Toranobu Sugai, a broker at Shearson Lehman Hutton Asia Inc.

Higher
The dollar in Tokyo opened higher for a brief rally but settled down to a close of 129.70 yen and 1.8800/05 West German marks against 129.25/35 yen and 1.8785/95 marks at Friday's New York close.

"Trading was slow as growing fears of possible concerted intervention following Friday's G-7 meeting dominated the

market here," one Japanese bank dealer said.

The absence of overseas speculators in the Lunar New Year holiday period also contributed to market sluggishness, dealers said.

Lower
In London shares were tracking Wall Street lower in fairly sluggish afternoon business, having drifted for much of the afternoon as profit-takers thinned out some of the gains made in the recent strong rally, dealers said.

An upward revision in UK December retail sales to a 0.3 per cent gain from the 0.1 per cent fall reported earlier unsettled a market that had been showing signs of nervousness about the possibility of higher interest rates across the Atlantic.

By 1557 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 25.1 points to its low point on the day of 2,044.8.

Firmer
Dealers said the firmer dollar helped exporters' shares rise early today. However, the shares fell back as the London market softened in tandem with a declining Wall Street. The dollar has been rising on expectations US interest rates will rise.

Up until today's final December UK retail sales figure, the market had seen a series of economic figures showing that Britain's policy of high interest rates was depressing consumer demand and in turn taking upward pressure off interest rates.

The retail sales figure was accompanied by UK credit figures for December showing new consumer credit in December was below the November 1988 level but above December 1987.

Dealers
But dealers said they thought there was plenty of support for shares not far below current levels. "There are a awful lot of people out in the market who missed the boat the first time around and would want to jump on if prices go much lower."

He was referring to the bull run in British equities which has lifted the FTSE 100 share index by more than 15.5 per cent since the beginning of the year.

Shares in telecommunications company Plessey were among the few that resisted the trend, rising 2p to 246. Hostile bidders GEC and Siemens said they will submit revised proposals on restructuring Plessey to the Monopolies Commission.

Soviet Union blasts businesses for hiking prices of consumer goods

MOSCOW, Feb 6, (AP): The Soviet government, in another attempt to ease chronic shortages of consumer goods, announced a crackdown yesterday on state-owned businesses that have raised prices and reduced production of inexpensive products.

The Council of Ministers, or Soviet cabinet, said it would require businesses to produce a minimum amount of inexpensive consumer goods, and would ban price hikes for items that change little, the Tass news agency reported.

Price increases for "new and fashionable goods" may not exceed 15 per cent, the council decided.

Approved
The decision was announced on Friday, but had been approved in early January.

Council of Ministers spokesman Lev Voznesenskiy said in a telephone interview. It did not affect the burgeoning co-operative movement that has arisen under President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Gorbachev has said tackling shortages of consumer goods and food is a top priority of his economic restructuring programme.

However, because of Gorbachev's drive to make each factory pay its own way, Soviet managers are in effect encouraged to seek the highest markup they can on their products, and even to curtail manufacture of cheap goods that bring little return.

So-called "deficits" in the consumer sector have plagued the country for years, but Soviets complain that under Gorbachev, new shortages have appeared, specifically of inexpensive consumer goods.

One of the most talked about examples is soap. Soviets have flooded the official press with angry letters and grumbled privately that inexpensive soap has disappeared from store shelves while expensive bars are plentiful.

Happiness
"I am writing this letter out of happiness that my husband (according to a waiting list) received one bar of household soap and a tube of 'Zefir' toothpaste," one woman wrote sarcastically on Dec 28 in the labour daily Trud. "It will take care of it to make sure it lasts long, because it's unknown when such good fortune will visit me again."

Many Soviets complain they cannot afford the costly alternatives on their meager salaries, which average about 200 roubles (\$333) monthly. They even charge that factory managers are withholding consumer goods from the stores to try to sabotage Gorbachev's economic reforms.

Nikolai G. Belov, deputy director of the State Committee on Statistics, in October called the substitution of cheap goods with expensive alternatives "hidden price hikes" and said that along with increases in wages, inflation had developed. He did not give a figure for inflation.

Another decision of the Council of Ministers pertained to co-operatives, a movement that has burgeoned under Gorbachev.

Tass said co-operatives will now be allowed to buy "non-scarce foods and non-edible commodities," presumably from the state, but that any products made from them should be sold at prices fixed for state-run retail shops.

The immediate effects of the decision were uncertain.

In the past, co-operative ventures could only buy supplies from other co-operatives or independent sources like the country's peasant markets.

Prices
Markovic, named last month to replace Mikulic, has promised to deregulate the economy and keep prices free. He is assembling a reformist cabinet and is due to take office in early March.

The state presidency, the highest constitutional organ, has told him that his priority task is to beat inflation.

Markovic has said a key to economic revival is to inject foreign capital into the country's crippled industry under liberal investment laws, which will in turn help Yugoslavia to meet repayment deadlines on its \$22-billion debt to the West.

Suvar backed Markovic's strategy on foreign capital, saying Yugoslavia must overcome its internal divisions and improve the political climate to raise investors' confidence.

Exports
Economists said Mikulic's recent easing of energy prices would spur another big surge in prices this month. Electricity tariffs went up by 48 per cent last week.

Markovic also faces a tough battle to sustain exports, according to figures quoted by Tanjug news agency last Thursday. They showed January exports falling 19 per cent from year-ago levels to \$423 million.

Exports in 1988 earned \$12.9 billion, a rise of 9.5 per cent from 1987. Imports in 1988 totalled \$13.15 billion, a rise of 3.4 per cent, but they also fell in January by 27 per cent to \$469 million, the data showed.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 06/2/89

B.No. Ship Name Agent Tel. No.
8 Shaam ISA 2441860
15 Gui Yang M.Bahr 2433881

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT
ETA Ship Name Agent Tel. No.
6/2 Adriatic Universal GH & Q 4347815
6/2 Baltik M.Bahr 2433881
6/2 Bijang M.Bahr 2433881
6/2 Maroulio GH & Q 4347815
6/2 Chantanooga-L T.Cont 2436920

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT
B.No. Ship Name Agent Tel. No.
2 Pal Eagle RMS 2423642
6 Ionian Wind Algh Barwil 4842988
8 Sea Coral Steamco 2439973
16 Tokyo Bridge United 2457958

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT
ETA Ship Name Agent Tel. No.
5/2 Sea Star-L Pearl 2417758
5/2 Barzan UASC 4843150
5/2 City of Beirut RMS 2423642
5/2 Tokyo Bridge United 2457958
6/2 Baltik M.Bahr 2433881
9/2 Maeterlinck Rashed 2422026
12/2 Khaled Ibn Al Waleed UASC 4843150

COMPILED BY:
Alghanim Barwil Shipping Co. Kuwait, Alghanim Industries Building, Airport Road, Shuwaikh. Tel: 4842988/4843988 Ext. 3828/3848.

Mrs Shahnaz Hussain
of
Shahnaz Herbal Fame
will be available for free consultation at
Saloon Beauty Corner
today from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.
For all kinds of hair and skin problems contact
Tel. 5732578, 5729789

FOR RENT
Super de luxe villa in
Surra (Block 5)
6 Bedrooms
6 Bathrooms
3 Kitchens
4 Saloons
250 sq.m. open basement and private car park.
Rent; KD. 1,300/-
Call directly Asad: 3263031 (8 am - 4 pm)
2545115 (5 pm - 8 pm)

VACANCY
Required a presentable
person aged 25 - 30
years, for
A SUPERVISORY
JOB
in a retail outlet.
English is essential.
For appointment pls call:
5714340

Revision of Unit prices
THE sale and repurchase prices of various schemes of Unit Trust of India effective from Feb 1, 89 are as follows:

Scheme	Sale price	Repurchase price
Unit scheme 1964	Rs 14.95	Rs 13.95
Unit scheme 1983	11.25	10.95
CGGF	10.00	—
PGGF	100.00	—

Tender No. 52819
Concerned Party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of Digging

Government may try to re-activate stock market

A NEW decision is expected to be issued soon by the government which aims at boosting the national economy and re-activating the Kuwaiti bourse.

In a related development, eight Kuwaiti ministers visited the Kuwaiti Stock Market yesterday in the wake of the cabinet weekly session, a local daily reported.

The visit fell within the framework of HH the Crown Prince and Premier's directives aimed at activating the financial market. A special committee will be formed to achieve this goal, the daily said.

A local daily quoted banking sources as saying that the Kuwait Commercial Bank was the sole bank still purchasing its shares. Nevertheless, its share price dropped by ten fils per share.

The daily added that the share prices of the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East (BKME) witnessed no change although dividends at 6 per cent and 7 per cent of the profits were distributed as bonus shares.

Dealers were quoted as saying that the drastic drop in share prices if not contained would lead to a severe collapse. Dealers, however, believe that a government intervention to support prices is imminent.

Dealers said that some decisions aimed at developing the dealing operations in the market were also likely to be taken.

Export revenue drops

Soviet oil output may be stagnating

LONDON, Feb 6, (Reuters): Oil output by the Soviet Union, the world's largest producer, has risen in recent years but the trend may be ending, Western analysts say.

Oil and gas are the main Soviet hard currency earners. After falling below 12 million barrels daily in the mid-1980s, from above 12.3 million earlier in the decade, output reached a record 12.6 million during parts of 1987 and 1988.

But total output in 1988 was about the same as in 1987, official Soviet figures show.

Stagnation
"The question now is, is stagnation in the Soviet oil industry setting in again?" said Jonathan Stern, Soviet energy analyst at the Rointernational Affairs (RIIA).

In the second half of last year, output fell to less than 12.5 million barrels daily, the first half-year fall in three years. Soviet energy developments, published by analysts Petroleum Economics Ltd (PEL), said.

This was mainly caused by low output in August and September when only 12.34 million barrels daily were produced, said David Wilson, Soviet energy specialist at England's Leeds University.

There were production problems at major fields in Tyumen, western Siberia. A drought led to water shortages, causing problems with fields that require water injection to maintain reservoir pressure and oil

output, Wilson said. A general recovery was seen in late 1988, but production was below expectations, Wilson said.

Freeze
He said the weather was mild in much of the region late last year and the winter freeze set in late. Sub-zero temperatures are vital as many roads are unpaved — without solid ground, truck shipments of oil field equipment were held up.

In the last three months of 1988, output partially recovered to 12.45 million barrels daily, Wilson said. But at 624.4 million tonnes (or an average 12.57 million barrels daily), total 1988 output was only 200,000 tonnes more than in 1987.

Jonathan Stern at the RIIA said the Soviet Union would be well advised to reduce spending on crude oil and to direct investment to gas and to energy efficiency in its economy.

Export
Some Soviet officials also apparently believe investment might be better spent elsewhere.

Leonid Abalkin, director of the Moscow Economics Institute, said last month that oil output should be stabilised. Huge sums had to be spent just to maintain output while price fluctuations made export income unpredictable.

Confirming 1988 output of 624.4 million tonnes, Abalkin said: "We will have to spend a vast sum to keep that up because

new oilfields will have to be identified."

Oil exports provide some 60 per cent of Soviet foreign exchange but weak prices and a weak dollar have cut earnings.

Last year, exports reached a record 201 million tonnes, according to preliminary figures quoted by Wilson in the publication "Eastern Bloc energy."

Crude oil and refined product sales to Western nations rose 7.9 per cent. But export revenue fell 11.8 per cent to \$10.1 billion, while a weak dollar meant that the real value of exports to the West declined 15.6 per cent, Wilson said.

Strategy
Incomplete figures given by Tadeusz Teodorovich of the Soviet Ministry of External Economic Relations last month showed the overall Soviet foreign trade surplus approximately halved in 1988 to about four billion roubles (\$6.5 billion).

Official strategy is still to increase oil exports to the West in 1989 to offset price falls last year, said Wilson, but he adds that it is uncertain whether this can be achieved without cutting down on domestic deliveries.

He says a 1989 output goal of 631.6 million tonnes can only be met if western Siberia pumps 13 million tonnes more than in 1988, a feat which would require unprecedented success in meeting targets.

Output
A massive effort will be needed with no delay in bringing new fields on stream and no shortages of pipe or other equipment. This is particularly true for the Noyabrsk region, where most of the western Siberian increase will come from and for the Varyegansk region where the biggest difficulties have been experienced, Wilson said.

Although the giant Tengiz field in Kazakhstan will start up this year, the whole of Kazakhstan is unlikely to exceed 27 million tonnes after 1988's 25 million. Output in the rest of the Soviet Union is likely to fall some nine million tonnes.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS
Tender No. MEW/22/4/88/88/89
Concerned Party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning, painting of civil works, repairing of water tower basements in different locations in Kuwait.
Relevant Fee: KD 50/-
Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12.00 Noon, Sunday, 26.2.1989

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Saturday, 11.2.1989 at 10 am in Water Establishments Operation & Maintenance Dept. — Water Control Centre Shuwaikh to acquaint with the nature of works & answer the queries.

Qualified Tenderers:
1. House of Trade & Contg. Co.
2. Middle East Construction Co.
3. Abdul Aziz Al Arafat Gen. Trd. Co.
4. Kremenko
5. Al Afaq Int. Trdg. & Contg. Co.
6. Hmoud Al Khada Trdg. & Contg. Est.

Tender No. A/6
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works

Requirements: Construction, completion & maintenance of Holy Quran House Centre at Jahra, Plot No. 3.
Relevant fee: KD 150/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 26.2.1989

Qualified Tenderers:
1. Aziz Construction Co.
2. Middle East Construction Co. (MIDCO)
3. Al Mutawal Al Sarraf & Partner Construction Materials & Contg. Co.
4. Al Hadeer Trdg. & Contg. Co.
5. Al Adwani Co.
6. Al Nasrallah Building Contg. & Land Transport Co.
7. Al Tashyedd Int. Group Contg. Co.
8. Al Mashael Trdg. & Contg. Co.
9. Sabwan Gen. Trd. & Contg. Co.
10. Kuwait Burhan Trdg. & Contg. Co.

Tender No. 276-88/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply, installation & complete maintenance of minor split cooling units for 5 years
Relevant fee: KD 300/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 11 am, Saturday, 11.2.1989

Qualified Tenderers:
1. Gulf Engineering Co./Mitsubishi
2. Muzed Yousef Bahbehani/Carcer
3. Abdul Hameed Yousef Al Essa/Train
4. Ghassan Ahmed Al Khaled & Partners Co./Al Zamel & Partners Co.
5. Essa Hussain Al Yousefi/National Co.
6. Yousef Ahmad Al Ghanim & Sons Co./Hitachi Co.
7. Electronics Appliances Est./Tohisha
8. Supplying Est./Sanyo Co.
9. Kuwait Japan Airconditioning Co./Daikin Co.

N.B.: The public auction shall be held at 11.30 am on the same day in the meeting room. All bidders subscribing shall be available on the aforesaid time.

Tender No. 24/87/88
Concerned party: Municipality of Kuwait

Requirements: Construction, completion & maintenance of two sheds in Jaleeb Al Shiyakh Market. Relevant fee: KD 30/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Saturday, 18.2.1989

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10 am on 5.2.1989 in construction department — Municipality of Kuwait to answer the relevant queries.

Tender No. 52819
Concerned Party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of Digging

Financial services seminar

ON Sunday, a financial services seminar was held at the Meridien Hotel, sponsored by the Indian Exchange Corporation and Shearson Lehman Hutton.

The topic of discussions was "Asset Management." Peter Massey, Vice President for Shearson Lehman Hutton addressed the large audience of investors.

The "by invitation only" presentation portrayed the various methods of conservative investments i.e., Portfolio Management, Stockmarket Timing and General Fiscal Management.

Requirements
Massey's availability as defined by him states: "I will accept any account that meet my money manager's investment requirements, which range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000."

"Where possible, I will travel to meet with you or your associates when a minimum of \$1,000,000 is available for investment. This amount can be met by combining assets of one or more of individuals."

"My money managers or their



Peter Massey



Judy Balent

representatives are also available to meet with you when the investment criteria are met."

Welcoming statements were made by Judy Balent, investment consultant for the Indian Exchange Corporation who will be the local contact for individuals wishing to explore foreign investments.

Closing statements were by Amani Essa, International Division of the Indian Exchange Corporation.

A question and answer period followed the discussion and videotaped remarks from the chief executive officer of Shearson Lehman Hutton were viewed by the audience. A leisurely dinner was served.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 6, (Reuters): Prices drifted lower amid concern about new economic figures, interest rates and soft metal prices. The All-Ordinaries index fell 10.6 to 1,501.4.

TOKYO: Futures-related buying of financial and construction stocks pushed the Nikkei index to a record closing high. It gained 142.97 to 31,828.75.

HONG KONG and SINGAPORE: Markets closed for Chinese new year holiday.

BOMBAY: Share prices rallied strongly in active trading for the new two-week accounting period beginning today, after carry-forward charges were fixed comparatively lower.

FRANKFURT: Shares moved sharply higher in thin trading, as foreign and domestic investors interested in the market found no supply. The DAX index rose 18.68 to 1,345.04.

ZURICH: Prices closed steady with a firm bias on very low turnover as uncertainty over interest rates continued to deter investors. The All-Share Swiss index rose 2.3 to 961.5.

PARIS: Prices had reversed opening gains by midday on profit-taking but isolated stocks showed strong gains.

LONDON: Shares were following Wall Street lower in fairly sluggish afternoon business, having drifted for much of the

Dear Junior Readers,

February seems to be the month when we catch most colds, or get all the infectious diseases. So be sure to wear nice warm clothes before leaving your house and eat proper meals. Remember "Better safe than sorry".

Always take special care when going out early in the morning as this is when you are most prone to getting infected.

If you begin to feel exhausted or hot or your throat starts tickling be sure to tell your parents or the school nurse straight away.

If you are unlucky and have to stay in bed due to an infection, this week JUNIOR TIMES suggests simple things to do which you may not yet have thought of: Shadowgraph shows, pin people and mirror writing.

Of course you do not have to be ill to do them, but it is a good change from reading or colouring or listening to the radio.

I do hope you are all strong enough to fight off any illnesses which may be coming your way.

Manal.



Cross-doll

ONCE upon a time, there was a house by a river. It was large and tall, with a great many rooms: the River House, people called it. But that was long ago, and nowadays the house was divided into flats — it was too big for just one family.

Sometimes on rainy days, the children who lived in the garden flat would run upstairs to see a friend. Mrs Mulroy — Nanny Mulroy they called her — was ninety-five, and didn't get out of bed much these days, especially in winter.

"Tell us a story, Nanny, please," they'd say. "About when you were young... Please?" "When I was young?" she'd say, folding her sewing, and laying it neatly in the basket. "Such a long time ago? What can I tell you about...?" Then she would begin.

When I was young, I lived here, as you know, to help with a big family of children. Ten of them there were, and they had a nursery; and in the nursery there was a doll. He lived with the other toys in a dark green cupboard over by the window. The cupboard, which smelt of boot

polish, was divided by three shelves. Most of the dolls sat on the top shelf. They all had proper names. But this doll sat on the bottom shelf with the bricks and the babies' toys. He had no name, you see; or not a real name. He is called Cross-doll, because he had such a cross face.

Poor Cross-doll. Nobody ever wanted to play with him. He either sat in the cupboard all day, or he got kicked around on the nursery floor, like a football. Once, the dog got hold of him, and that did not improve his appearance. His hair, which had once been red and curly, was now dirty and very thin. His clothes were torn, his shoes were lost, and his face? His poor cross face. One of his button eyes was loose, and his nose which was only embroidered on had come undone. All these things not only made him look cross, they made him feel cross as well. And the more cross he felt, the more cross he looked, if you see what I mean. The other toys got taken out and played with time and time again. But not Cross-doll. He sat at the bottom of the cupboard, looking more and



more sorry for himself as time went on.

One day the children who lived in the house in those days, had a party. The nursery wasn't big enough to hold all their guests, so it was decided to use one of the big rooms downstairs.

Cross-doll listened to the other toys talking about it after the cupboard had been shut up for the night.

"They have cleared all the furniture out in the big ballroom and they are going to have it there," said a fat brown bear just above his head.

"I know all about it, I saw them polishing the floor when I went down with Jennifer this afternoon." This was the Fairy Doll speaking. She was very new and pretty, having only been in the toy cupboard since Christmas. Cross-doll hated her. The Teddy Bear squinted down at Cross-doll through the slats of the shelf.

"I suppose they will take some of the better-quality

toys down with them on the day," he said, puffing out his chest. Naturally he meant himself by this.

"The newer ones you mean," the Fairy Doll replied. "What fun it will be. Do you think they will have games?" A green knitted Rabbit interrupted her.

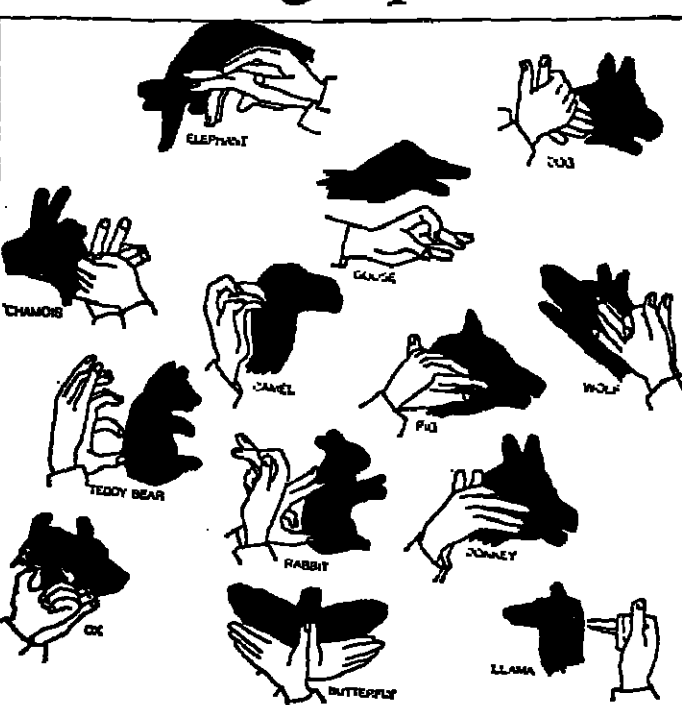
"Last year they had a Punch and Judy show. Funny looking creatures they were. We saw them after it was over. They've got arms and heads but no legs!" All the dolls laughed. The Fairy Doll leaned over the edge of the shelf and looked at Cross-doll huddled up amongst the bricks.

"Almost as funny as having no nose," she said in her tinkly voice. The toys laughed again.

"You're a stuck-up Ninny," Cross-doll shouted. "I wouldn't be you for all the gold in China!" But really he was very envious of the pretty Fairy Doll, as the toys well knew.

(To be continued)

Shadowgraph shows



Here's an interesting kind of play you can do on a rainy day — it's particularly good if the weather is gloomy because the room is not too light and your shadows show up well. You've all, I'm sure, made animals' heads by interlocking your fingers and holding them up against the light so that their shadows are thrown on the wall. Well, shadowgraph shows are made the same way (see sketches).

You'll need to rig up a theatre for your shadow show. The easiest way to do this is to stretch a sheet across the room as tightly as you can as a screen, then fix a light behind it. This can be either a powerful torch, or better still, a reading lamp put in such a way that it will 'throw' the shapes that you make on to the screen so that your audience can see them, but not you.

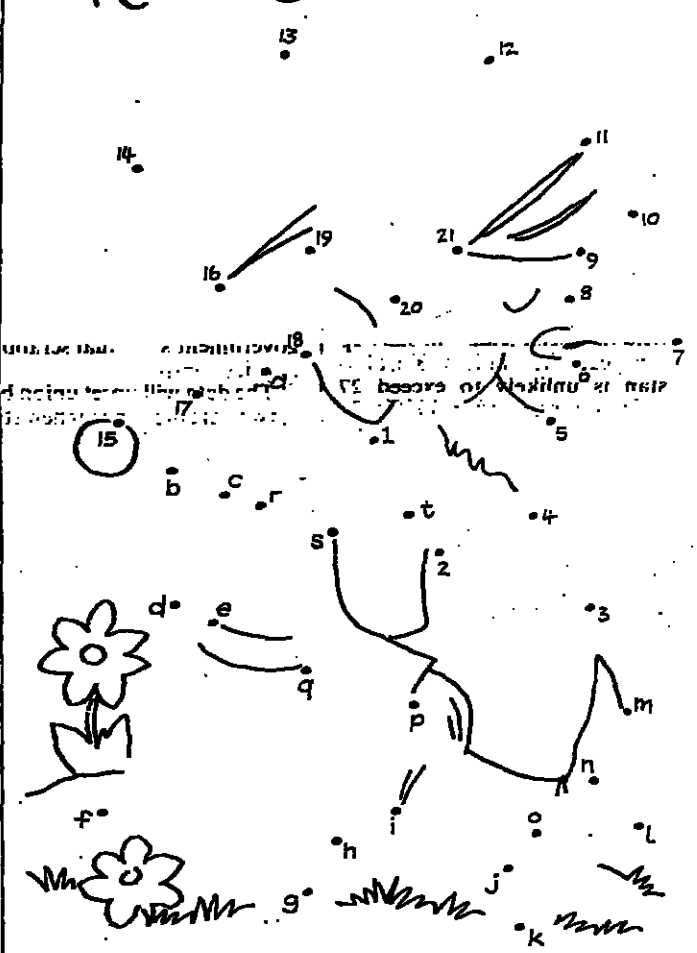
To make the simplest kind of animal, put out your hand and turn it sideways in front of you as if you were pointing the way. Stick your thumb up in the air to make an ear, bend up your first finger so that there is a hole

between it, and the middle joint, and the finger below it, for an eye. Now drop your little finger so that a slit for the mouth appears. With the help of a few 'props' you can turn your hand into any number of characters. You can make cardboard cut-out hats, or cut-out animal head shapes and hold them between your fingers to make them look even more real. Or you could act out a whole shadow play by using cardboard silhouettes mounted on pieces of stick (crouch down low when you operate them so the stick can't be seen).

Another way of making a shadow show is to have your screen on a table, and have cardboard characters mounted on flat pieces of batten so they stand on the table of their own accord. Remember always that your characters, whether they're made with your hands or cut from cardboard, must have the light directly behind them and be turned completely sideways to the screen; otherwise their shapes may become distorted and your audience will not recognize what they are.

Join the dots

Resting.



Pin people



YOU will need a paper and pencil. Practise drawing these funny little men, and see how many little actions you can make them do.

Poems by you!

My First Day at School

My first day at school was very nice. When I saw in my classroom little mice. The teacher saw me and began to approach. While from my partners bag came out a big cockroach. The teacher began to shout. And she told the cockroach to march out. The cockroach began to go. While the teacher was standing with a broom near the door.

By Vitorina Colaco
VII D
Carmel School

My Baby Brother

My baby brother lies all day. Laughing to see the leaves at play. Their waving their little hands, he crows 'I'll wave mine too and waggle my toes.'

My little brother loves to spy. The clouds that hurry across the sky. 'Take me too' he says, but they scurry along their windy way.

My baby brother chuckles and crawls. Plays with his fingers and plays with his toes. Then all of a sudden do come and peep. He sighs, he yawns and he's fast asleep.

By Karishma Bajaj,
V D,
Carmel School.

Happy birthday

Islam Sheikh Mohammed Jos celebrates her second birthday today. Warm wishes from mummy, daddy and all relatives.



Collection corner



If you have got more than two or three matchboxes, buttons, old tin cans or holiday souvenirs, you are well on the way to being a collector.

This weekly corner will offer ideas of how to make a worthwhile collection of what interests you.

Greeting cards

SINCE Victorian times, people have enjoyed sending each other birthday and Christmas cards, and

special Valentine cards. If you like to keep your own special cards each year, you may find you already have quite a collection, and you might enjoy looking for early ones. See if your parents or other older members of the family have treasured their cards and will let you have them. They can be mounted in postcard albums, or in scrapbooks, or arranged and catalogued in shoeboxes. Don't stick them down on paper, because if you start to get special ones you might want to swap them, or even sell them.

A few cards are very plain with only words of greeting on them, but most are either pretty or funny. People have particularly liked sending each other pictures of flowers or animals, and cards in Victorian and Edwardian days were

often decorated with cut-out lace edges or pretty scraps. Many cards were elaborately folded or had cut-out designs, and children's cards were made like paper toys. Children used to like particularly pictures of animals dressed up, and of funny policemen.

Valentine cards were very elaborate, with a lot of paper lace, silver paper and hand-painted designs. Often you can find them in their own pretty envelopes. This kind of elaborate design was also used for mourning cards which are not sent out now, but used to be given to close friends and family when people died. Some are just plain white cards with black edges, but others are elaborately printed in silver and purple, or have cut-out paper designs, and they have their own special envelopes too. You may find some in drawers or boxes at home, but they are quite often tucked into boxes of postcards in junkshops or bookshops.

Word search

GO TO SEA

ABOFT
BAY
BOWSPRIT
DECK
GROG
GUSTY
HORN
KNOTS
LIST
OIL-TANKER
RAIL
RIGHT-OF-WAY
ROCKS
ROPES
ROWING BOAT
RUDDER
SAILS
STEER
TACK
TROOPSHIP
WAVES
WIND

T	A	O	B	G	N	I	W	O	R
G	O	R	G	U	K	W	A	I	E
R	O	C	K	S	N	R	G	S	K
E	U	C	C	T	O	H	O	R	N
E	A	D	E	Y	T	F	A	B	A
T	H	N	D	O	S	L	I	S	T
S	I	I	F	E	L	P	L	E	L
B	O	W	S	P	R	I	T	P	I
A	A	S	E	V	A	W	A	O	O
Y	P	I	H	S	P	O	O	R	T

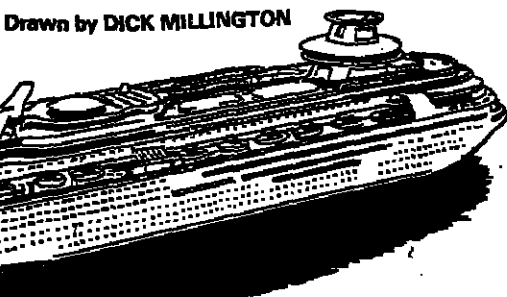
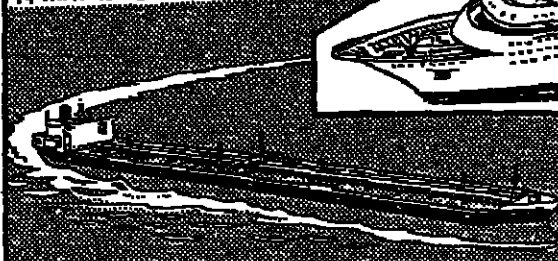
Clue: An arm of the Navy (7 letters)

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE OLDEST SURVIVING BOAT IS A 27 FT (8.2 M) LONG WOODEN CATCHING CANOE, DISCOVERED ON THE BALTIC ISLAND OF FINEN, AND DATED TO C.4490 BC.



THE LARGEST SHIP EVER BUILT WAS THE 564730 TONNE DEADWEIGHT SEAWISE GIANT, 1504 FT (458.45 M) LONG WITH A BEAM OF 225 FT (68.6 M) AND A DRAUGHT OF 30 FT (9.1 M). SHE WAS LENGTHENED IN 1980 BY ADDING A 265 FT (81 M) MIDSHIP SECTION AND DESTROYED BY IRAQI MIRAGE JETS IN THE GULF ON 14 MAY 1988.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST PASSENGER SHIP (BY TONNAGE) IS THE 73219 GROSS REGISTERED TONS NORWEGIAN CRUISE SHIP SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS, BUILT AT THE FRENCH SHIPYARD CHANTIERES DE L'ATLANTIQUE AT ST NAZAIRE, SHE ENTERED SERVICE FROM MIAMI IN JANUARY 1985.



THE HIGHEST-PAID CLASSICAL CONCERT PIANIST WAS IGNAZ JAN PADEREWSKI (1860-1941), PRIME MINISTER OF POLAND (1919-20) WHO ACCUMULATED A FORTUNE ESTIMATED AT \$5,000,000.

FOR CONCERTS BETWEEN 1937 AND 1976, ARTUR RUBINSTEIN (1887-1982), THE POLISH BORN PIANIST, COMMANDED A RECORD 70 PER CENT OF THE GROSS.



THE FIRST UPRIGHT 'PARLOUR' PIANO WAS MADE IN GERMANY ABOUT 1770 BY CHRISTIAN ERNST FRIEDERICI.



ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

Wanted

VILLA required in Rawda, for a diplomat, with reception, study room, dining room, indoor garden and kitchen. Also masterwing — another 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms including garage and garden. Tele. Mr. Hassan, 483857/12. (AT4-45960-3)

For Rent

ANDALUS. Super deluxe villa with 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, 4 saloons, basement, including garden, and car park. Good for a foreign family. Call directly Eng. Waleed, 4871690, mornings, 2561057, evenings. (AT2-45925-3)

KUWAIT City, behind the Firdous Cinema. Arabic house with 14 rooms, 3 bedrooms and 3 toilets, suitable for bachelors. Tele. 253404, res. (AT2-45915-3)

MISHRAF, Street 7, House 32, first floor, CAC with 3 bedrooms, hall, 2 bedrooms kitchen, large balcony and separate entrance. Rent KD350. Tele. 2400040. (AT3-MOSH-TM-3)

Available

ABBASIYA, behind the Shani Video (near Jewa Stores building) 1 room in a 2 bedroom flat for an Indian couple or 2 working ladies to share with a Goan family. Tele. Mr. Tony, 4714754, 8 am - 5 pm, 2462668, 8 am - 12 noon, 4 - 7 pm. (AT3-45946-3)

KHEITAN, main road, adjacent to the Granada Cinema, fully furnished room with electricity and water, and telephone facilities available immediately for one bachelor. Rent KD50. Tele. 474824, after 2 pm. (AT3-45941-3)

SALMIYA, Amman Street. Accommodation for one bachelor to share with an Indian family. Tele. 5625854, after 2 pm. (AT3-45945-2)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate
Tele. 2406592,
2406593

WANTED

1 - An air-conditioning technician preferably with a driving licence.
2 - Duct installation labourer
Tel. 2401470/1

Reputed beauty inst.

requires
1st class ladies
hairstresser and
stylist for brides
and parties.
Arabic speaking. Minimum 5 years experience.
Send CV + Tel. No. to P.O. Box 8174 Salmiya 22062. For details call 9026161

WANTED

HELPER
Indian, below 30 years, with a Kuwaiti driving licence and preferably a car to work in a video Co. Transferable residence a must. Salary negotiable.
Interested please contact tel. No. 4898270 between 9 am and 1 pm.

REQUIRED

Master carpenter, upholsterer, painter, gypsum master, gypsum board decorators.
Tel: 2404313-2404314
from 6.00 - 9.00 pm

KUWAIT City in front of the GPO. One room to share with a small family from 1st March. Tele. Mr. Kabir, 2455550 ext. 2225, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT4-45955-3)

KUWAIT City, Fahd Al Salem Street. One big room in a 2-bedroom flat with a separate toilet for 2/3 RC bachelors or single occupancy to share with a Goan family from 1st March. Tele. 4713359, 8 am - 12 pm. (AT4-MU-TM-3)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, near the Dasman Complex. Sharing accommodation with meals for Indian bachelors. Rent KD45. Tele. 2409139, 9 am - 1 pm, 4 - 9 pm. (AT2-45928-3)

FOR SALE

Furniture

MODERN sofa set (3,2,1) 3 months old. Cost KD750, selling KD450. Tele. Mrs. Carolyn, 5313635, 8 am - 4 pm, 3721468 ext. 258, after 4 pm. (AT4-45938-3)

Miscellaneous

RAS SALMIYA, three bedroom, CAC, with excellent Gulf view, available from 1.3.89 including carpets, curtains and plants for sale. Rent KD300. For viewing, call 5756589, 6 - 8 pm only. (AT4-45966-3)

SALWA, Area 11, 2 bedroom flat with tele., carpets, curtains, quality furniture, appliances, plants, kitchen equipment and bedding. KD1250. Rent KD240. Tele. 2438011 ext. 246, 5640102. (AT3-45927-3)

شركة النقيب وخضار و.إ.إ.
Al-Naqeeb & Khattar Co. W.I.I.

Best airfreight rates and most convenient routes

484-6009

AL-SAYED TRAVEL	
Week-end packages:	Special programme during Independence Day of Kuwait
BAHRAIN	BAHRAIN
Dalman Hill	Dalman Hill
43.000	49.000
CAIRO	CAIRO
Shepard	Samer-Mess
108.000	120.000
Ramses Hilton	Ramses Hilton
125.000	130.000
	137.000

OMRA	
Al Ajayd Hotel	128
Al Waha Hotel	105
White Palace Hill	99
Al Safa Hotel	103

The above price includes:
1 - VISA on request. 2 - Meeting and assistance at airport. 3 - Transport from airport to hotel. 4 - Round trip ticket. 5 - Continental breakfast.
Special discount for groups.

Call us — we are at your service.
AL SAYED TRAVEL
Dowlat Building — behind Fire Station
Fahd Al Salem Street, Tel. 2400101, 2400100, 2419885, Fax 00965, 2424867

ADVERTISING IN THE

ARAB TIMES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW — STYLES AND RATES

STYLE 1
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS
Cost, KD4 for 2 consecutive days and KD5 for 3 consecutive days. There is a limitation of 25 words including name, number and time, per advertisement.

STYLE 2
CLASSIFIED DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS
It is contained within its own distinctive border. Photographs, name blocks and company logos may be used in classified display advertisements. A special rate is given to advertisements that run for 6 consecutive days on the classified page.

STYLE 3
COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS
Again it is contained within its own distinctive border. Colour, both spot and full, is available depending on which page the advertisement is placed, at the cost of 25% extra, per colour. This type of advertisement promotes products and services available to the public.

HOW TO SUBMIT CLASSIFIED
Advertisements will only be accepted when sent in on the Arab Times classified coupon or preferably, completed at the Arab Times Advertising Department.

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY
Advertisements should be submitted with the text typed or clearly printed, with any artwork enclosed.

COMMERCIAL
Advertisements should be submitted with the film, artwork or brochures complete and ready for printing. Always confirm with the Arab Times Advertising Department on sizing, well before placing your advertisement.

EDITING
All advertisements are subject to editing. Therefore, it would be advisable to submit the advertisement at least two days before, if one should wish to see the edited copy before being printed.

DEADLINES
All advertisements should be submitted no later than 6pm.

If you have any inquiries, telephone or write to:
Arab Times
Advertising Dept.
P.O. Box 2270
13023, SAFAT
Kuwait
Tel. 4816326/7

MARKET PLACE

MERCEDES 203E 1982, red with beige leather interior, very clean, one owner, lady driven, full option. KD3,200. Tele. 5382658/9. (AT4-45964-2)

TOYOTA Pajero '82 model, one door, with AC, radio and cassette, in very good condition. KD900, ono. Tele. Mr. Rafi, 4832642, 8 am - 12.30 pm, 2.30 - 6.30 pm. (AT2-45918-3)

TOYOTA Corona 1800, 74 model, automatic, low mileage, insured upto June 1989 with AC and radio in good condition, KD200. Contact Mr. Abbas, Qadisiya, Street 196, Block 9, Area 96, House 1 near the Co-operative roundabout. 1 - 4 pm or after 8.30 pm. (AT5-45958-2)

HONDA Prelude ZX, 1984, automatic, blue, low mileage, with sunroof, AC, radio, cassette in excellent condition. Best offer. Tele. 4887482, 9 am - 9 pm. (AT3-45942-2)

NISSAN Liberta, 1983 model, automatic, in excellent condition. KD800, best offer. Tele. Mr. Rob Smith, 4833076. (AT2-45917-3)

CHRYSLER Le Baron, 1981, automatic, white, with AC, in good condition. KD480 cash. Tele. 2641624, answer phone/any time. (AT3-45932-3)

MITSUBISHI Galant GLS, 1985 model, automatic, with 4 doors and AC, golden colour, in good condition. KD1300 or KD 100 down payment, KD40 per month for 3 years. Tele. 5385094. (AT4-45959-3)

LOST

PASSPORT No. D 591513, in the name of Mr. Gul Ali, son of Mr. Mahboob Ali, Pakistani. Finder please inform the Pakistan embassy. (AT2-45926-2)

PASSPORT, No. C 517441, in the name of Ashiq Hussain Bhatti, Pakistani. Finder please tele. 4840350 ext 362. (AT4-45956-2)

PASSPORT, No. U 841542 in the name of Thyub Saleem, Indian. Finder please tele. 5612078, or inform the Indian embassy. (AT2-45931-3)

PASSPORT, No. X594842 in the name of Estella Leona Rodrigues, Indian. Finder please tele. 2419602 or inform the Indian embassy. (AT3-45935-3)

SITUATIONS

Wanted

INDIAN maid seeks job in Kuwait City or Sharq area only, from 7.30 am - 3.30 pm. Tele. Julio, 2425068, 2425069. (AT4-45967-2)

SECRETARY, female with knowledge of typing, telex, fax, PC, data-entry and filing, seeks suitable job. Tele. D Souza, 4741800 ext. 178, 7.30 am - 1.30 pm, 4314113, after 2 pm. (AT3-45933-3)

Vacant

MAID required, Filipino, for a family, full time to live-in. Must have transferable residence. Tele. 5637063, after 5 pm. (AT2-45924-3)

BOODAI AVIATION
CARGO
MABUHAY
Philippines
Door-to-Door Service
by Sea and Air
Contact Baby
Free delivery in provinces
Tel: 4847637, 4817708, 4837650

FOR RENT
In Salmiya, close to Sultan Center near Wataniya building.
Flats in a new building with 3 bedrooms, hall, dining room, 2 bathrooms and large kitchen.
Please call 5627543, 3 - 6 pm.

REQUIRED
well-experienced
Accountant
and
Optometrist
Tel. 2458811

I'm still waiting for my shipment...
I should have called Alghanim...
No one does it better.
The biggest IATA Freight agent in Kuwait.
Alghanim
Sea-Freight-Air
Customer Services Tel. 4745533
Fahadhel 3923486/8 - Sharq 2480972/3
Morgab 2412583/2416851

MAID required, for an English couple with one child, to live-in. Must be experienced, with good spoken English and smart in appearance. Must have transferable residence. Tele. Steve, 5617824, before 8 pm. (AT2-45916-3)

SERVICES

Transport

REQUIRED for one person from Farwaniya to Sharq, 4 times a day. Duty hours: 8 am - 1 pm, 4 - 7 pm. Tele. 2406535. (AT3-45937-3)

IBRAHIM
CALL TAXIS
For reliable and efficient service
Tele. 2400013, 14, 15

Required
for travel agency
Sales representative
Experienced in Kuwait market holding driving licence.
Interested candidates kindly send complete CV to GM Post Box 3320 Safat 13034 Kuwait.

FOR RENT
1. Mishrif Villa — 2-storey, 3-Brms, carpet & curtains KD.800/-
2. Surra Villa — 2-storey, 5-Brms with basement & garden KD.900/-
3. Bida Villa — 2-storey, 3-Brms with garden & pool KD.700/-
4. Salwa Area — 3-Brm flats with maid's room KD.375/-
5. Bneid Al-Qar — 3-Brm flats semi-furnished + telephone KD.450/-
6. Salwa Villa — 2-storey, 3-Brms with garden KD.550/-
Plus many more flats and villas
Call:- Boushahri Real Estate Est.
Tel: 5744017 - 5744018
FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM

REQUIRED
A) C-A/C MECHANIC with minimum experience in maintenance of package and chilled water systems.
B) MECHANIC with min. 5 yrs experience in maintenance of elevators.
Candidates should have transferable residence, and a valid Kuwaiti driving licence is preferable.
Interested persons pls contact
Abraham, Tel. 4835736, 4835879

REQUIRED
A leading company requires:
1) Kitchen technician masters - 3
2) Kitchen loading labourers - 4
All applicants must be Pakistani nationals and have valid transferable residences.
Call Tel: 4849542, 4849754

ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS COUPON

2 insertions KD 4. Three insertions KD5
Conditions:
1. Advertisements may be mailed in only on this coupon, or preferably, completed at the Arab Times office between 8.30 a.m. — 1 p.m. and 4.30 — 6 p.m.
2. To complete the coupon, follow the sequence of the information given in above printed advertisements, for desired section heading. All advertisements will be printed according to Arab Times format and are subject to editing.
3. Advertisements must not exceed 25 words including name and telephone number.
4. Text must be typed or clearly printed. No alterations or cancellations will be made after publication.
5. Advertisements of personal nature involving business transactions will not be accepted, nor any matrimonial advertisements.
6. The Arab Times is not responsible for postal delays.

Section heading
Sender's Name
Address
Telephone

Coupons and payment must be mailed to:
ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS
P.O. Box: 2270
13023 SAFAT KUWAIT.

JUMBO SALE
Each day in the classified pages of the Arab Times
ARAB TIMES NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

تلاوات

JOYNER-KERSEE BREAKS US RECORD

Aouita runs 6th fastest 5,000m

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb. 6, (Reuters): Morocco's Said Aouita showed his talents are not limited to outdoor racing as he charged to the sixth fastest 5,000 metres ever run indoors yesterday at the Fairfax Invitational Athletics Meeting.

Aouita, the world outdoor record holder at 1,500, 2,000 and 5,000 metres was timed in 13 minutes 22.56 seconds to win by more than 100 metres in only his third indoor race.

Shattered

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the Olympic champion in the women's long jump and heptathlon, shattered her US record in the 60 metres hurdles with a time of 7.81 seconds—the 10th fastest performance ever in the event despite crashing into the final hurdle.

Aouita, who made his US indoor debut with a 3,000 metres victory on Friday night in New York, was impressive despite an inability to hear the runners' times for each lap. In a near-solo race over the last 2,000 metres, he made a strong run at Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui's indoor



Aouita on his way to victory in the 5,000 metres. (Reuters wirephoto)

record of 13:20.4.

"I believe I could have broken the world record but I was alone over the last laps," said the slender Aouita, who was cheered on

by several flag-waving Moroccans.

"I am in world-record condition," said Aouita, who spurred to the front after 2,400 metres on

the unbanked 200-metre track and had a chance at the record until he ran 2:43.2 for the fourth km.

"If I had heard the pace (the time for each lap) I would have controlled better the race and would have broken the world record," said Aouita, who defeated American Doug Padilla by more than 19 seconds and finished 21 seconds ahead of Canadian Graeme Fell.

In other events yesterday, American Arthur Blake handed two-time Olympic hurdles champion Roger Kingdon another defeat in the 60 metres hurdles, with a time of 7.54 seconds.

Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan won the men's mile in 3:58.06 and US Olympian Antonio McKay won the 400 metres in 46.35 seconds.

Olympic champions Louise Ritter and Paula Ivan also were winners. Ritter, an American, cleared 1.97 metres to win the women's high jump and Romania's Ivan, the Olympic women's 1,500 metres champion, overtook teammate Doina Melinte to win the women's 800 metres in a slow 2:02.14.

Joyner-Kersee, 2 and a half hours after easily winning her qualifying heat, broke first from the blocks and never trailed. She defeated Kim McKenzie by three-tenths of a second.

"I felt I got out well," Joyner-Kersee said. "I accelerated through the first four (hurdles), but got anxious at number five. It was very encouraging to know I run 7.81."

Kingdom, coming off a third-place finish behind Jack Pierce and Renaldo Nehemiah on Friday at the Millrose Games in New York ran second to Blake in a qualifying heat and the final.

Trouble

Pierce was third yesterday and Toni Campbell, the bronze medalist in the 110-metre hurdles at Seoul, ran fourth.

Defending champion and American record holder Diane Dixon had little trouble winning the women's 400 metres in 52.69. Seven Seoul Olympians competed in the women's 60 metres won by Gwen Torrence in 7.21. Canadian Angela Bailey (7.31) ran second and three-time Olympic gold medalist Evelyn Ashford (7.37) third.

Walliser retains downhill crown



Walliser celebrates her victory by raising her skis.

(Reuters wirephoto)

VAIL, Colorado, Feb. 5, (Reuters): Maria Walliser of Switzerland conquered freezing temperatures and annihilated her rivals to retain her downhill crown in the Alpine Skiing World Championships yesterday.

Walliser hurtled down the 2,591-metre Vail International slope in pursuit of the pace-setting time of Canadian Karen Percy and carved a vast 1.50 seconds from a mark which had begun to look good for gold.

The superb run on a day when temperatures dipped to minus 20 centigrade made Walliser the first woman to retain the World Championship downhill crown since Austrian Annemarie Moser-Proell scooped the titles in 1974 and 1978.

Olympic bronze medalist Percy, so close to emulating fellow-Canadian Gerrie Sorensen's 1982 World Championship downhill win, hung on for the silver by just 0.01 of a second ahead of lowly starter Karin Dedler of West Germany.

Dedler, never in a World Cup top three, set off 17th and provided a major surprise by capturing the bronze by a whisker, edging out Switzerland's Heidi Zurbriggen by 0.04.

A mere 0.05 separated Zurbriggen—fourth as her brother Pirmin was in Friday's men's combined—from silver medalist Percy, but they were all eclipsed by Walliser.

Walliser, overall World Cup champion in 1986 and 1987, prospered after 60 centimetres of snow fell in two days on Vail.

The Swiss clocked one minute 46.50 seconds to average 87.58 kph on a track which dropped 667 metres and won by a time margin worth nearly 36 metres when translated into distance.

Chances "After training I thought I had no chance, but when the weather changed I knew my chances were better. I like soft snow. I was very nervous but I just went out. I knew the conditions would help me, but I was just hoping," Walliser said.

"You have to wait for the race to see the real Walliser. This is the most important day of my life to be world champion. I woke up and saw the sun and snow and decided it was my day."

John Davenport with Edwin Viruet, a former lightweight contender.

"I hope they don't fire the trainer again because Edwin's an old friend," Mamby said. "I fought Edwin Viruet in my second 10-round fight in the forum. Mamby said, 'That fight on Dec 3, 1971, was a 10-round draw.'"

For two decades, Mamby has been a leading practitioner of the many art of self-defence. He has lost 21 times in 65 fights—always on points.

"I wasn't ever a puncher," Mamby said. "My thing was I was a boxer, so I mastered it. When I go into a gym, I am a student."

When Sweet Saoul spars, other fighters stop work to watch. He's a lot more fun to watch than to fight.

One boxer who trains at the Times Square Gym, where Mamby works out, is Jorge Maysonet, who will challenge Simon Brown for the International Boxing Federation's junior welterweight title Feb 18 at Budapest, Hungary.

"His trainers won't let me spar with him because they say I have too much experience," Mamby said. "In a way they have a point. There's no sense in getting him discouraged."

Mike Jones, Brown's manager, reacted by replacing trainer

that dominated the International Motor Sports Association Camel GT circuit last year had an impressive debut in endurance racing before engine troubles forced it out of the race in the 19th hour. Don Devendorf's Electromotive Nissan, driven by defending series champion Geoff Brabham, Arie Luyendyk, Chip Robinson and Michael Roe, led a total of 212 laps.

When the fog rolled in and stopped the race at 1:50 am, the Nissan held a one-lap lead over the Jaguar and a two-lap advantage on the Porsche of Bell, Wollek and John Andretti. After nearly four hours, the fog dissipated enough to restart the race.

The 24 hours has been stopped two other times, the last for 43 minutes in 1983 because of rain.

Withdrawn The Nissan held the lead until 5-1/2 hours remained, when engine problems forced the car to be withdrawn.

The demise of the Nissan gave the lead to the Jaguar, which held the lead for 12 laps before coming in for a scheduled pit stop and driver change. That put Wollek into the lead with five hours left in the race. The Porsche stayed in first place for the rest of the race.

Before the start of the race on Saturday, there was a tribute to the late Al Holbert, who was instrumental in Porsche's rise. Bell was Holbert's teammate through last season and many members of the Jim Busby racing team that won yesterday are former Holbert racing employees.

Tom Walkinshaw's factory-backed Castrol Jaguar team won the race last year in its initial American appearance, with

another Jaguar finishing third. But this year's race posed more problems for the English contingent.

Walkinshaw started three cars, but one Jaguar dropped out when its suspension broke on the first lap. A second Jaguar, driven by Lammers, Davy Jones and Raul Boesel, the same car that won a year ago, blew an engine in the 10th hour while leading the race.

The pole-winning Nissan GTP

US wrap up 5-0 win over Paraguay

Swedes shine without top players

LONDON, Feb. 6, (Reuters): Sweden's sheer depth of tennis talent carried the former champions through the opening round of the Davis Cup this weekend even without the services of Grand Slam giants Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

The bad news that Austria must face, when the euphoria of routing 26-times winners Australia 5-0 has subsided, is that Wilander and Edberg, sidelined by injury this weekend, intend to be fit and well to join the Swedish second round attack in Vienna in April.

But for now at least, Austria's Thomas Muster, Horst Skoff and Alexander Antonitsch can just sit back and enjoy the knowledge that they have proved themselves on their debut in the world group.

Muster, who beat former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash 6-2 6-0 in the final singles, was amazed at the ease with which the Australian succumbed yesterday to the defeat of the debutant in Vienna.

"It's not the way a professional should play," Muster said. "Perhaps Cash is not one of the best clay court players but he

should have played better than that."

Cash also lost his opening singles on Friday and Saturday's doubles when partnering John Fitzgerald.

Australia, who beat Sweden in the 1986 final, had not lost a Davis Cup first round tie since 1928 so Jonte Sjogren's Swedish side will treat the Austrians with respect.

"It will be a tough match but if our players are in form they should win," said the coach who took over after Sweden's embarrassing home defeat by West Germany in last December's final.

Despite the 4-1 scoreline the Swedes had a tough time against Italy in Malmo this weekend.

Mikael Pernfors, ranked 19th in the world and French Open runner-up in 1986, stumbled against Omar Camporese who was unexpectedly called on to play singles when Italian captain Adriano Panatta dropped off.

But Pernfors redeemed himself in heroic style, battling on despite a painful attack of cramp in both legs, to beat Mas-

similiano Narducci 6-3 6-4 4-6 6-7 (2-7) 6-3 and give the Swedes an unbeatable 3-1 lead.

The range of talent in the Swedish team, unmatched by any other nation, also meant Sjogren was able to rest Jonas Svensson after his tiring five-set victory over Narducci on Friday and play Jan Gunnarsson alongside Anders Jarryd in the doubles instead.

The only other world group tie which remained in doubt until yesterday, Spain versus Mexico in Marbella, rested entirely on the last match.

Spain had looked to be in trouble when the experienced Emilio Sanchez, jaded after a tough five-set doubles win on Saturday, unexpectedly lost the first reverse singles to Leonardo Lavalle in four sets.

But Jorge Arrese took the deciding match against Mexico's Francisco Maciel, playing with confidence and poise to win 6-3 6-3 6-4 and give the home side a 3-2 overall victory—the closest result of the eight world group ties.

Spain will meet Yugoslavia, 4-1 winners over Denmark, in the second round from April 7 to 9.

Teenagers Andre Agassi and Michael Chang proved worthy stand-ins for John McEnroe as the United States wrapped up a 5-0 win over Paraguay.

revenge for a defeat in Asuncion two years ago which started an American slide towards relegation.

The US will now play France, who beat Israel 4-1 in Tel Aviv.

Davis Cup holders West Germany, with Boris Becker leading the team who won in Gothenburg in December, also swept to a 5-0 win, without dropping a single set, against the hapless Indonesians.

But the sporting Indonesians, new to the world group, treated the Karlsruhe tie as valuable experience and vowed to study videos of the matches carefully when they got home.

Indonesia will go into a draw with the other seven first round losers and the eight zone competition finalists to decide who will be in the world group next year.

And, to the intense embarrassment of the Australians, Cash and colleagues will be among the other teams struggling for world group survival.

Kuwait reach second round

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb. 6, (AP): A 16-year-old Kuwaiti high school student took a straight sets victory over a 37-year-old Jordanian lawyer yesterday to move Kuwait into the next round of Davis Cup tennis matches.

The victory in the No. 2 match gave Kuwait a 3-2 advantage over Jordan. Kuwait will face Pakistan in the second round.

Khalid Rashed used a stronger serve and an increasingly confident return game to take a 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 victory over Abdullah Khalil, a doubles specialist who was substituting for the ill Iyad Shehadi.

Earlier, Jordanian No. 1 Hani Al Ahli scored an equally lopsided victory over Kuwait's Ayman Al Shwak, winning 6-1, 6-3, 6-0. Shwak was filling in for Kuwait team captain Khaled Ashkanani, who was suffering from back cramps.

Connors ready for end of career

BOSTON, Feb. 6, (UPI): Jimmy Connors, preparing for his 18th year as a professional athlete, is also ready for the end of his tennis career.

"Athletes can be very one-track about life, picking up a newspaper, reading only the sports page and letting the rest go," said Connors, 36, who has completed his conversion from tennis to boy to old man and crowd favorite.

"You hope the education from the travel and the sport would spill over into other parts of your life, if you are willing to broaden your horizons."

"Every athlete's career is going to come to an end at some time or another. That's no secret."

"I'm entered in the remaining majors (the French Open, Wimbledon, US Open). I'll start the year playing at Memphis (Feb 13-19) and if my interest is still

up, I'll play in all three majors."

The winner of eight Grand Slam singles titles and 106 tournaments, Connors is still ranked in the top 10, but is recovering from foot surgery to remove bone spurs and bone chips. He has not played a tournament for 3 1/2 months.

"It's the longest I've ever been off the tour," he said by telephone. "But getting away and staying away was enjoyable. I went 10 weeks without picking up a racket, even to hit with my kids or hit against a board."

Involved

In January, he played two exhibitions in Canada against Ivan Lendl and tomorrow he meets Tim Mayotte at Boston Garden. Sponsored by Northwest Orient Airlines, the event will raise money for the Youth Tennis Foundation.

Connors, involved in several off-court businesses, says his interests reflect his age.

"The kids coming onto the tour now are so young they wouldn't know what a 'Wall Street Journal' is," said Connors, whose business image was enhanced by his commercials for an investment firm. "Your interests change as you get older and they are a lot different at 35 or 40 than when you're a teenager."

"When I was growing up, I didn't pay much attention to education because I was in such a hurry to get out and start playing tennis. I've learned about business so I wouldn't be stymied if there were no more tennis."

Connors says most of the tennis pros around his age are still working in some aspect of the sport.

Porsche wins Daytona 24-hour sportscar race

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 6, (UPI): Veteran endurance ace Derek Bell teamed with Bob Wollek and John Andretti to hold off the challenge of Jaguar and Nissan and return the Porsche 962 to the winner's circle yesterday at the Daytona 24-hour sportscar race.

Bell, 47, who has won the Daytona race three times and the Le Mans race five times, helped Porsche exact a measure of revenge on Jaguar, which won at Daytona and Le Mans in 1988.

Before last year, Porsche had won 14 straight 24-hour races, and the German automaker has now won 12 of the last 13 Daytona endurance races.

Closest The Castrol Jaguar team of Price Cobb, John Nielsen, Andy Wallace and Jan Lammers finished second, 86.5 seconds behind the winners, marking the closest finish in race history. Walter Brun, Hans Stuck, Oscar Larrauri, and Doc Bundy finished third, 17 laps behind in a Porsche 962.

Klaus Ludwig, Sarel van der Merwe and James Weaver finished fourth in a Porsche 962. Yoshimi Katayama, Takashi Yorino and Elliott Forbes-Robinson finished fifth in a



Andretti (left), Bell (2nd left) and Wollek (right) after the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

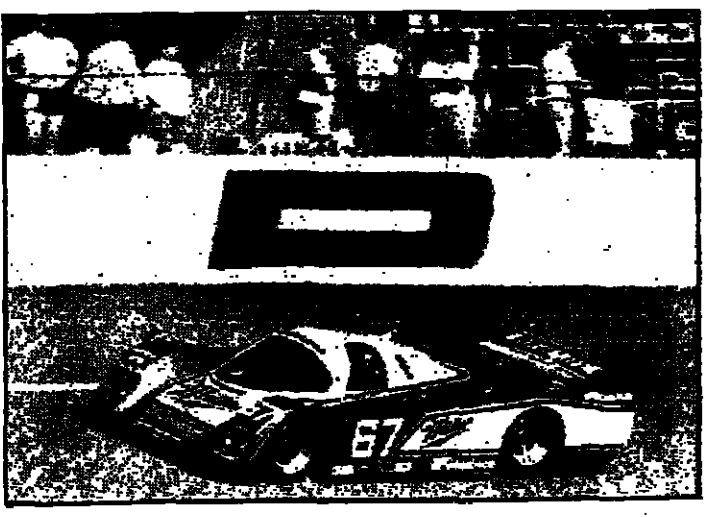
Mazda 767B making its American debut.

Pete Halsmer, Bob Earl and Paul Stewart finished sixth in a Jack Roush-prepared Mercury Cougar XR-7, and first in the GT0 class. Sixty-eight cars started the race, and there were 26 cars running at the finish.

The winners completed 621 laps and covered 2,210.76 miles on the 3.56-mile road course at Daytona International Speedway.

The winner in Camel Lights was Tom Hessert, Charles Morgan and John Morrison in a Buick Tiga, and the GTU class winner was Al Bacon, Bob Reed and Rod Millen in a Mazda RX-7.

The race was stopped for nearly four hours early yesterday because of fog, the third time in the history of the event the red flag has come out. The delay slowed the race's average speed to 92.009 mph, the slowest pace



The Porsche 962 heads towards the finish line in the 24-hour race. (Reuters wirephoto)

in race history.

Before the start of the race on Saturday, there was a tribute to the late Al Holbert, who was instrumental in Porsche's rise. Bell was Holbert's teammate through last season and many members of the Jim Busby racing team that won yesterday are former Holbert racing employees.

Tom Walkinshaw's factory-backed Castrol Jaguar team won the race last year in its initial American appearance, with

another Jaguar finishing third. But this year's race posed more problems for the English contingent.

Walkinshaw started three cars, but one Jaguar dropped out when its suspension broke on the first lap. A second Jaguar, driven by Lammers, Davy Jones and Raul Boesel, the same car that won a year ago, blew an engine in the 10th hour while leading the race.

The pole-winning Nissan GTP

NBA ROUNDUP

Abdul-Jabbar helps Lakers rout Nets

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, (AP): The Los Angeles Lakers are back in sync, largely due to the improved play of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rumored on the way to the bench a month ago, Abdul-Jabbar has responded by scoring in double figures in his last 11 outings. He had 18 points last night in a 134-116 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

His first basket, a 10-foot sky hook from the baseline just 22 seconds into the game, pushed him over the 38,000-point mark, nearly 7,000 ahead of runner-up Wilt Chamberlain on the all-time list.

"These milestones are nice," the 41-year-old Abdul-Jabbar said. "I'm contributing more, and that's something to feel good about. I was feeling like I was just taking up space."

In his last 11 games, Abdul-Jabbar is averaging 13.8 points, compared to his 8.4 average in the previous 27 games. He also had nine rebounds in yesterday's victory, the Lakers' 10th in their last 12 games.

"I think Kareem is all the way back," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "He was losing a little bit because of his conditioning, and his comeback has coincided with the whole team's commitment to play harder."

Elsewhere in the National Basketball Association yesterday, it was Cleveland 110, Charlotte 91; Detroit 113, Chicago 102; Seattle 89, Boston 87; Miami 102, Sacramento 98; and Houston 124, Denver 112.

Magic Johnson had 27 points and 13 assists, James Worthy had 22 points and Orlando Woolridge 20 for the Lakers.

Rookie Chris Morris led the Nets with 29 points, a career high, and Dennis Hopson had 21.

Supersonics 88, Celtics 87

Seattle held Boston to 14 points in the fourth quarter and Derrick McKey's two free throws with six seconds left capped a rally from a seven-point deficit with less than four minutes remaining.

Heat 102, Kings 98

Expansion Miami won for only the fifth time in 43 games when Jon Sundvold scored eight of his 20 points in the final three minutes after the Heat blew a 17-point lead against Sacramento.

Pistons 113, Bulls 102

Detroit beat Chicago for the fourth time without a loss this season as Isiah Thomas scored 11 of his 19 points down the stretch, stopping a Bulls' rally.

Cavaliers 110, Hornets 91

Cleveland, which beat Charlotte by 40 points and 24 points earlier this season, continued to dominate the Hornets.

Rockets 124, Nuggets 112

Houston had eight players in double figures in its victory over Denver.

Karpov sails into chess semifinals

SEATTLE, Feb. 6, (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union and Iceland, defeated Johann Hjartarson played to a draw in game five of their world chess championship candidates quarterfinal yesterday, giving Karpov enough points to win the match.

Hjartarson, a 25-year-old grandmaster, settled for a draw after the 32nd move. In a draw, each player receives one-half point, giving Karpov the 3 1-2 points he needed to win the match. Hjartarson finished with 1 1-2 points.

Chess grandmaster Joel Benjamin called the fifth game "the best game of the match."

"Johann played aggressively, with more spirit than in earlier games, hoping to get back in the match with a win," Benjamin said.

Variation Benjamin and other chess analysts said Karpov, 37, playing black, used the Zaitsev variation to the Ruy Lopez and was able to thwart Hjartarson's attempts to set up an attacking formation. In the final position, Karpov accepted the draw when offered.

Karpov receives \$50,000 for the victory, while Hjartarson gets \$30,000. Karpov now advances to the semifinals to play Artur Yusupov, the only other Soviet who competed in the quarterfinals.

The winner of the candidates series will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his world title in 1990. One quarter-final match is being played, while the fourth was won by British Grandmaster Jonathan Speelman.

The Karpov-Hjartarson match began Jan. 28. The first game ended in a draw, Karpov won the second and third matches and the fourth match was a draw.

French players

AGEN, France, Feb. 6, (Reuters): Number eight Laurent Rodriguez and flanker Alain Carminati have knee and thigh injuries respectively and are doubtful for France's Five Nations Rugby Union Championship match against Wales in Paris on Feb. 18.

Rodriguez, who captained France against Argentina earlier this season, said he would test his knee when his club Dax play Montchanin in the French championship on Sunday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

World Cup

LONDON, Feb 6, (Reuters): Ray Williams, former secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, has been appointed tournament director for the 1991 World Cup. Williams, 61, was named today by the International Rugby Board (IRB).

Australian group

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 6, (Reuters): A large group of Australian cricketing administrators, journalists and veteran players are to visit South Africa next month to study current race policies in sport.

Chris Waddle

LONDON, Feb 6, (AP): Chris Waddle has withdrawn from the English team that will play an exhibition soccer game against Greece this week because of a groin injury, England manager Bobby Robson said last night.

Robin Givens

NEW YORK, Feb 6, (AP): Actress Robin Givens will sign a divorce agreement with heavy-weight champion Mike Tyson later this week, her lawyer said today. "I met her last night," Felder said. "There were a few hitches. But I'm sure she'll sign later this week."

IBF fight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. Feb 6 (Reuters): Darrin van Horn scored a unanimous 12-round decision over fellow American Robert Hines to capture the International Boxing Federation junior middleweight crown yesterday.

Danish boxer

COPENHAGEN, Feb 6, (Reuters): Denmark's Eup can will fight the British champion, unbeaten Scotsman Pat Clinton, here on February 16 for the vacant European flyweight boxing title, promoter and Can's manager Mogens Palle said today.

Ivan Lendl

CHICAGO, Feb 6 (AP): With \$13.2 million already in the bank, Ivan Lendl, hopes to add another \$60,000 by winning the \$300,000 Volvo Chicago tennis tournament, which starts tomorrow.

RESULTS of the Hibernia Bridge Club

on Saturday:
N/S
1. Mrs Sagar & Dr Tariq
2. Anura & Gaj
3. Nalid Akel & Narendra Shah
E/W
1. Sagar & Jaggi
2. Simon & Sallid Dharma
3. Marjorie & Emma AE

Results of the Regency Bridge Club game

played on Sunday:
1. Abdelkader Doudi & Shadia Bayoumi
2. Nalid Akel & Peter Harris
3. Narendra Shah & Sallid Dharma

Results of the Menshik Ladies Bridge

Club game played on Monday morning:
1. Nalid Akel & Lallo Murrat
2. Margaret Reid-Whitaker & Ghoran Mikhal
3. Margaret Maynard & Martin Griffiths

A new bridge tournament, sponsored by

Westminster Hotel from Feb 19.
The Westminster Bridge Tournament will be held every Sunday and last four months. However, only the best nine scores will count towards the final standings.
Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 players. The first game is on Sunday, Feb 19, at 8.00 pm.

W. INDIAN BOWLERS PUT TO SWORD IN FINAL TEST

Australians build lead of 370 runs

ADELAIDE, Australia, Feb 6, (Reuters): Australia, led by opener Geoff Marsh, patiently piled up the runs today to set West Indies a probable target of 370 runs to win the fifth and final cricket Test.

At the close of a controversial fourth day, Australia were 224 for four in their second innings after earlier dismissing West Indies for 369. Marsh hit 79 and David Boon, batting at number three, an unbeaten 55.

Australian captain Allan Border is expected to declare overnight after the home side's batsmen went on all-out attack against the West Indian bowlers in the last 30 minutes.

Appeal
West Indies, already 3-1 up in the series, would have to score at 3.9 an over in the scheduled 95 overs to win.

A meandering day's play was enlivened by an angry outburst from West Indies paceman Malcolm Marshall against umpire Peter McConnell after the official turned down an appeal for caught behind shortly after tea.

David Boon drove at Marshall and the ball appeared to catch the edge of the bat before being caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon.

Marshall, just three wickets away from becoming West Indies' top wicket-taker in Test cricket, hardly bothered to appeal he was so confident and could not contain his annoyance

when he realised McConnell had given Boon not out.

He appeared to swear and shout at the official standing in his fifth Test for around 15 seconds. Marshall bowled a slow off-breaking with his next ball in protest at the decision.

Seven umpires have stood in this series and both sides have been openly unhappy at some of the decisions.

After West Indies resumed at 338 for eight this morning, left-arm pace bowler Mike Whitney completed career-best bowling figures of seven for 89 off 30 overs by dismissing Courtney Walsh for four.

Leg-spinner Trevor Hohns earned his just reward for 47.4 overs of toil, ending the West Indian innings by bowling Jeff Dujon for 28 to finish with two for 106.

Marsh and fellow opener Mark Taylor, both fighting for a place in the Australian party to tour England later this year, appeared more concerned with protecting their wickets than scoring runs quickly to set West Indies a challenging target.

Resuming after lunch at 32 for no wicket, the pair added just 18 runs in the first 45 minutes, posting their first 50 partnership in four innings.

Their lack of urgency meant Border could not declare and force West Indies to bat before the close.

Taylor was run out for 36 shortly before tea as the two openers



Marsh: scored 79 runs

tried to increase the scoring tempo.

Two runs short of a 100-run partnership Marsh pushed a ball into the overs. Gus Logie swooped and threw down the wicket underarm with Taylor short of his ground.

Boon's arrival prompted an

increase in the scoring rate, which was helped by a lacklustre display in the field from West Indies. Dujon gave away 11 byes and captain Viv Richards rarely pressured the batsmen.

Curtly Ambrose succeeded where Marshall failed as McConnell gave Marsh out

caught behind after 237 minutes at the crease. The right-hander hit four fours and a six in his first half-century of the series.

Dean Jones, a double century-maker in the first innings, managed only six before he was lbw to Richards and Steve Waugh was run out for eight.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 515
WEST INDIES first innings 338
for eight overs (night)

G. Greenidge b Whitney 12
D. Haynes run out 83
R. Richardson c Jones b Whitney 106
C. Hooper c Healy b Whitney 2
V. Richards c Boon b Whitney 69
A. Logie c Healy b Hohns 21
J. Dujon b Hohns 28
M. Marshall c Marsh b Whitney 20
C. Ambrose c Boon b Whitney 9
C. Walsh c Healy b Whitney 4
P. Patterson not out 26
Extras (b-4 lb-10 nb-10) 26
Total 369
Fall of wickets: 1-19 2-126 3-190 4-231 5-293 6-315 7-315 8-331 9-346

Bowling: Hughes 15-0-86-0, Whitney 30-4-89-7 (7ab), May 16-6-42-0 (2ab), Waugh 3-0-17-0 (1ab), Hohns 47-4-106-2, Border 10-2-13-0.

AUSTRALIA second innings

G. Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose 79
M. Taylor run out 36
D. Boon not out 55
D. Jones lbw b Richards 6
S. Waugh run out 8
A. Border not out 6
Extras (b-11 lb-13 nb-10) 34
Total (for four wickets) 224
Fall of wickets: 1-98 2-176 3-187 4-213

Bowling: Marshall 12-2-30-0 (2ab), Ambrose 15-2-44-1 (4ab), Walsh 13-2-26-0, Patterson 8-1-29-0 (4ab), Richards 24-3-64-1, Hooper 3-1-7-0.

1974.

"The Scots have some hard men apart from McNally, who'll need two minders to seal him off."

Cyprus was expected to play their usual 5-4-1 formation on Wednesday and Cassidy noted that the Scots, who'll have one day of training tomorrow, will have to attack head on to avoid an upset.

An estimated 1,200 Scottish fans were expected to descend on the south coast port city of Limassol for Wednesday's game.

Officials said that for security reason, the Scots fans will be separated from the local supporters and servicemen from the nearby sovereign British military base.

Cyprus brace for match against Scotland

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Feb 6, (AP): Tiny Cyprus, which held France to a surprise 1-1 draw three weeks ago, is bracing for a tough game against Scotland in a World Cup qualifying game on Wednesday.

Cyprus coach Panikos Iacovou has mustered 20 players from eight of the Mediterranean island's clubs, including Apollon and Omonia, for the game at Limassol's Tsirion stadium, the Cypriots fourth in the qualifying round.

He also hopes to have the services of George Savvides, a Cypriot forward who plays with Aek of Athens. But no final lineup has yet been announced.

The Scots are driving for a win to go through to the final leg of

the Group 5 matches. A win in Cyprus could put the Scots, with three points from two games, atop the group standings by edging out Yugoslavia, who have five points from three games.

The Cypriots, bothered by a tough League schedule and a troubling lack of team training, are next-to-bottom of the table with three points from three games.

Dipped

They failed to sustain their momentum after the draw against France and dipped 3-0 against Norway and 4-0 against Yugoslavia.

Facing them will be a formidable Scottish squad assembled by manager Andy Roxburgh, including Alan "Rambo" McIn-

ally of Aston Villa, the top scorer in the English First Division with 21 goals this season.

Aberdeen striker Charlie Nicholas and Glasgow Rangers midfielder Derek Ferguson are also on the Scottish roster.

Roxburgh has also got heart of Midlothian striker Mike Gallows, who has scored in five out of the last six games he's played.

Former Northern Ireland ace Tommy Cassidy, who has managed Apollon of Cyprus, noted that the Scots should pick up a point or two without too much trouble.

"Scotland can play a very physical game with a lot of contact and they don't like that sort of play here," said Cassidy, who scored Northern Ireland's winning goal against Scotland in

Inter appeal against record fine

BERNE, Feb 6, (Reuters): Italian League leaders Internazionale Milan have appealed against fines totalling 225,000 Swiss francs (\$143,000) imposed after incidents at their UEFA Cup tie against Bayern Munich last December.

The fines are a record total imposed on one club by the European Football Union (UEFA).

The previous highest of 200,000 francs was also imposed on Inter Milan 1985 after the start of a UEFA Cup quarter-final tie against Cologne of West Germany was delayed when fire

and smoke bombs were set off in the crowd.

UEFA spokesman Rene Eberle said the appeal would be heard in Zurich on March 10. The hearing could not be heard sooner because key witnesses would be unavailable until then.

Inter were fined 150,000 francs (\$95,000) by UEFA's control and disciplinary committee because their fans set off fireworks and started a fire at the third round second leg UEFA Cup clash with the West Germans.

The committee fined the Italian club a further 25,000

francs (\$16,000) for the unsportsmanlike behaviour of their players and a further 50,000 francs (\$32,000) for seeing the match live on widescreen television.

Bayern Munich, who were fined 30,000 francs (\$19,000) for their players' and fans' misbehaviour at the same match have also appealed. Their hearing is scheduled also for March 10.

A third appeal, from French First Division club Bordeaux against a three-match ban on Christophe Thouvenel for violent play, will be heard on the same date.

Davies repays some of his fee

WIDNES, England, Feb 6, (Reuters): Former Welsh Rugby Union star Jonathan Davies repaid some of his £250,000 (\$435,000) transfer fee with a 14-point performance for depleted Windies yesterday.

They maintained their English Rugby League Championship thrust by beating Oldham 38-14.

Davies capped his first full game with a try four minutes from time. He also landed five goals as Widnes showed few weaknesses despite missing five internationals.

Impressive Inter Milan keep Napoli at bay

ROME, Feb 6, (Reuters): Unbeaten Internazionale Milan, drawing heavily on their tradition as masters of defensive play, proved again yesterday they will be difficult to dislodge from the top of the Italian First Division.

After some unimpressive performances, they rediscovered their best form to beat Torino 2-0 and reach the half-way stage in the championship with a three-point lead over Napoli.

"The statistics show that only rarely have the winter champions not won the title at the end of the season," said Inter coach Giovanni Trapattoni.

Comfortable

Two goals from Aldo Serena in the opening 19 minutes ensured a comfortable victory for Inter, who have conceded only five goals in 16 League matches this season. They have scored 25.

Napoli, with captain Diego Maradona labouring with a cold, won 1-0 at Pisa, Andrea Carnevale scoring after 32 minutes. But, after an undistinguished show, their half-term report is likely to be of the "need to concentrate ... could do better variety."

Maradona has helped make Napoli Italy's leading scorers with 32 goals in their 16 matches, but they have conceded 11 — more than double the Inter total.

Sampdoria stayed third by beating Lazio 1-0 with a first-half goal by Roberto Mancini. Atalanta are still fourth, despite



Italian riot police charge soccer fans during the Bologna-Fiorentina game. (Reuters wirephoto)

losing 2-1 at Lecce.

Sampdoria coach Vujadin Boskov, whose team defend a 3-2 lead against Atalanta in the second leg of the Italian Cup semifinals on Wednesday, said he was worried his players were over-tired.

He said three played while unfit and added: "This is the tenth game in 32 days... they're playing well, but how long can

they keep it up?"

Napoli defend a 2-0 lead against Pisa in the other semifinal.

AC Milan kept alive their slim hopes of retaining the title with a 2-0 win at Ascoli, European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten scoring twice, but Juventus drew for the seventh time 1-1 at Pescara and now appear to be out of serious con-

tenion.

Yesterday four young soccer fans were injured and eight arrested at Bologna in violence that erupted before the Bologna-Fiorentina match.

Two Fiorentina supporters riding the Florence-Bologna train before the game were struck by stones thrown by Bologna fans. Both suffered superficial head injuries and were released after receiving first aid at Bologna's Maggiore Hospital.

The visiting team's fans instigated a brawl in the stands shortly before the opening kick-off by throwing coins and other objects at a group of Bologna fans. The rival factions exchanged punches before the melee was broken up by stadium police.

The violence flared again at halftime when the Fiorentina fans resumed their bombardment of the home team's fans. Fearing the worst, stadium police brandishing clubs charged into the crowd. Several spectators were injured during the action.

In France, Yugoslav Tomislav Ivic, master tactician of leaders Paris St Germain, accused his players of being too nice after watching them fall 2-1 to Sochaux as the championship resumed after a seven-week break.

The Paris club stayed top on 50 points because main rivals Auxerre, second with 49, could only manage a goalless draw at home to champions Monaco.

"We will have to show more aggression in future," Ivic said after a game in which international goalkeeper Joel Bats prevented a rout against the ram-paging young Sochaux side.

"We must run more, fight more. We were too nice. We treated it like a friendly. Sochaux wanted to win more than we did."

Sochaux's outstanding performance showed they are also in contention for the title as they moved to 45 points, one behind third-placed Marseille who won 2-0 in Paris against Matra Racing.

The signs that Paris SG and Auxerre could be starting to falter are also encouraging for Monaco, who are fifth on 42 points. The champions possess the most complete team in France and could still mount a late challenge for the League.

Missing

In Portugal, a last-minute goal by Brazilian defender Ricardo proved precious to leaders Benfica, giving them a 1-0 win at Portimonense.

Porto, sorely missing injured striker Rabah Madjer, allowed the struggling Algarve side a late equaliser after taking the lead through Paulo Pereira in the 60th minute.

Benfica, going for their 25th League title, are now four points ahead of Porto, last season's champions.

Platini picks two new caps for Dublin

PARIS, Feb 6, (Reuters): French team chief Michel Platini today named two new caps in a young, experimental side to meet Ireland in a friendly in Dublin tomorrow.

Franck Silvestre, 21, of Sochaux and Montpellier's Laurent Blanc, 23, will both make their debuts in a rejuvenated midfield whose four members boast only six caps between them.

They are joined by Marseille's Franck Sauze, the most senior with four caps though he made his international debut this season, and Jean-Philippe Durand of Toulouse who has appeared twice for France.

The experienced Jean Tigana, recalled out of international retirement last November for the team chief's first match in charge, is injured but Monaco sweeper Patrick Battiston, another former Platini colleague who had asked not to be chosen, returns for his 54th cap.

France met English leaders Arsenal in London next Tuesday in a second warm-up for the World Cup qualifier with Scotland in Glasgow on March 8.

Meanwhile, Ireland manager Jack Charlton today included Norwich midfielder Andy Townsend for the first time when he named an otherwise experienced team.

Challenge

Townsend, scorer of some spectacular goals in second-placed Norwich's challenge for the English First Division title, joins veteran Liam Brady and Liverpool pair Ray Houghton and Ronnie Whelan in Midfield.

Teams:
Ireland: Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Paul McGrath, Chris Hughton, Ray Houghton, Ronnie Whelan, Andy Townsend, Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, Tony Casciaro.

France: Joel Bats, Sylvain Kastendeuch, Luc Sonor, Patrick Battiston, Manuel Amoros, Franck Silvestre, Jean-Philippe Durand, Franck Sauze, Laurent Blanc, Stephane Paille, Jean-Pierre Papin.

Sidhu allowed to go on tour

NEW DELHI, Feb 6, (Reuters): An Indian court agreed today to allow cricketer Navjot Sidhu, accused of beating a motorist to death, to take part in India's tour of the West Indies.

The court in Patiala in Punjab state approved Sidhu's request to join the tour, which starts on Feb 26, provided he gave a personal guarantee of 50,000 rupees (\$3,300) that he would return to face trial on a charge of culpable homicide.

The 24-year-old batsman is free on bail and may not leave the country without the permission of the court.

He is accused of beating a motorist to death after a road accident in Patiala in December.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Feb 6, (Reuters): New Zealand beat Pakistan by eight wickets in a 48-over one-day international today arranged after the first cricket Test was abandoned.

Spearheaded by its champion fast-bowler Richard Hadlee, New Zealand restricted Pakistan to 170 for nine wickets and reached the target reasonably comfortably with the loss of just two wickets for their 174 runs.

A record opening partnership of 73 in just over 21 overs between captain John Wright and Robert Vance set New Zealand well on target to victory.

The previous best first-wicket, one-day stand against Pakistan was 62 between Wright and Geoff Howard in 1984/85.

Wright won the toss and sent in Pakistan on a pitch, originally prepared for Test cricket and which seemed and bounced inconsistently.

Hadlee immediately had the visitors in trouble when he had Shoaib Mohammed caught behind for nought off a fiery delivery.

Pakistan never fully recovered. They were reduced to 21 for three wickets and at the half-way point of the innings had only scored 42.

All the New Zealand pacemen got assistance from the pitch but it was Hadlee who was most effective and he finished with five for 38 off his 10 overs.

A 53-run partnership between Javed Miandad, out for 16, and Salim Malik helped restore the innings from their early problems.

Captain Imran Khan tried to push the innings along but he was caught by Jeff Crowe off Hadlee for 22.

Malik was the only batsman to prosper and he ended his attractive innings by taking 14, including a cover-driven six, off Hadlee's last over. Hadlee had him caught on the boundary trying to repeat the shot.

For New Zealand, Vance made 46 but apart from the second over when he twice cut Sikander Bakht to the boundary he never quite timed the ball.

Wright played aggressively for his 35 before he was brilliantly taken one-handed by Ejaz Ahmed on the mid-wicket boundary.

Andrew Jones made a fluent 55 not out although he should have been caught when he skied a catch to Shoaib on seven.

The batsmen were at times troubled by the lift of Imran and the spin of Abdul Qadir and Mudassar Nazar was economic with none for 23 off his 10 overs. However, none of the bowlers was able to exploit the conditions as Hadlee had, who was made

Man of the Match. Imran said after the match was "substandard" and would have hated to play West Indies on it.

"I think that was one of the worst wickets I've played on that it's a bit-and-miss, it doesn't test the bowlers' skill."

He said that if the scheduled Test, abandoned because of rain, had been played on the same wicket it would have lasted only three days.

"Whichever side had the best would have won the game," he said.

His comments were backed by team manager Intikhab Alam. "What bothers is the inconsistent bounce," he said.

New Zealand Cricket Council officials are considering playing an extra Test match against Pakistan.

But New Zealand team manager Leif Dearsley said he did not want replacement Test matches to become commonplace and Wright was unenthusiastic.

"I don't think the idea is very practical," he said. "My feeling is that you have to stick to the original structure of the tour."

Intikhab Alam said he would have to ask his ruling board. "It's not a decision I could make," he said.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN
Mudassar Nazar c J. Crowe b Shoaib Mohammed 14
Shoaib Mohammed c Smith b Hadlee 16
Javed Miandad c Smith b Watson 16
Salim Malik c Bracewell b Hadlee 31
Imran Khan c J. Crowe b Hadlee 22
Ejaz Ahmed b Hadlee 35
Sultan Khan c Smith b Hadlee 10
Abdul Qadir run out 10
Sikander Bakht not out 10
Aashif Javed not out 10
Extras (b-1 w-1 lb-4) 10
Total (for nine wickets off 48 overs) 174

Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-14 3-27 4-38 5-119 6-129 7-139 8-162 9-168 10-174
New Zealand: Vance 46, Wright 35, Jones 55, Hadlee 38, Crowe 22, Bakht 21, Miandad 16, Nazar 23, Qadir 16, Silvestre 21, Blanc 23, Durand 16, Sauze 16, Papin 16, Paille 16, McGrath 16, McCarthy 16, Bonner 16, Morris 16, Houghton 16, Whelan 16, Townsend 16, Brady 16, Stapleton 16, Casciaro 16.

NEW ZEALAND
J. Wright c Ejaz Ahmed b Sikander Bakht 35
R. Vance b Imran Khan 46
A. Jones not out 55
M. Dearsley not out 10
Extras (b-1 w-1 lb-4) 10
Total (for two wickets after 48 overs) 174

Fall of wickets: 1-73 2-113 3-119 4-129 5-139 6-162 7-168 8-174 9-174 10-174

Man of the Match: Richard Hadlee. Result: New Zealand beat Pakistan by eight wickets.

Calcavecchia holds off Lyle and Irwin for win

PACIFIC Palisades, Calif., Feb 6, (Reuters): Mark Calcavecchia scored his second victory in three weeks by holding off a strong challenge by Briton Sandy Lyle and Hale Irwin at the \$1 million Los Angeles Open golf tournament yesterday.

Calcavecchia, who along with Lyle had to complete nine third round holes early yesterday morning because of Saturday's suspension of play due to darkness, carded three birdies and 15 pars in the final round for a three-under-par 68 and a 12-under 272 total.

Lyle started the round with a two-stroke lead which he extended with an eagle on the first hole. From that point, however, Lyle shot 15 pars